



**From experimental data to FY evaluation :
JEFF4.0 and future program**

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Theoretically

Experimentally

$$Y(A^*, Z, E^*, J^\pi) = Y(A^*, Z) \times P(E_K | A^*, Z) \times P(E^*, J^\pi | A^*, Z, E_K) \leftrightarrow Y(A, Z, E_K, I) = Y(A) \times P(Z | A, E_K) \times P(E_k | A, Z) \times P(m | A, Z, E_K)$$

Pre-neutrons Mass, charge, excitation energy

Mass

Charge

Kinetic
Energy

Isomeric

Applications : $Y(A, Z, m)$ independent fission yields \rightarrow Decay data \rightarrow $C(A, Z, m)$ Cumulative fission yields

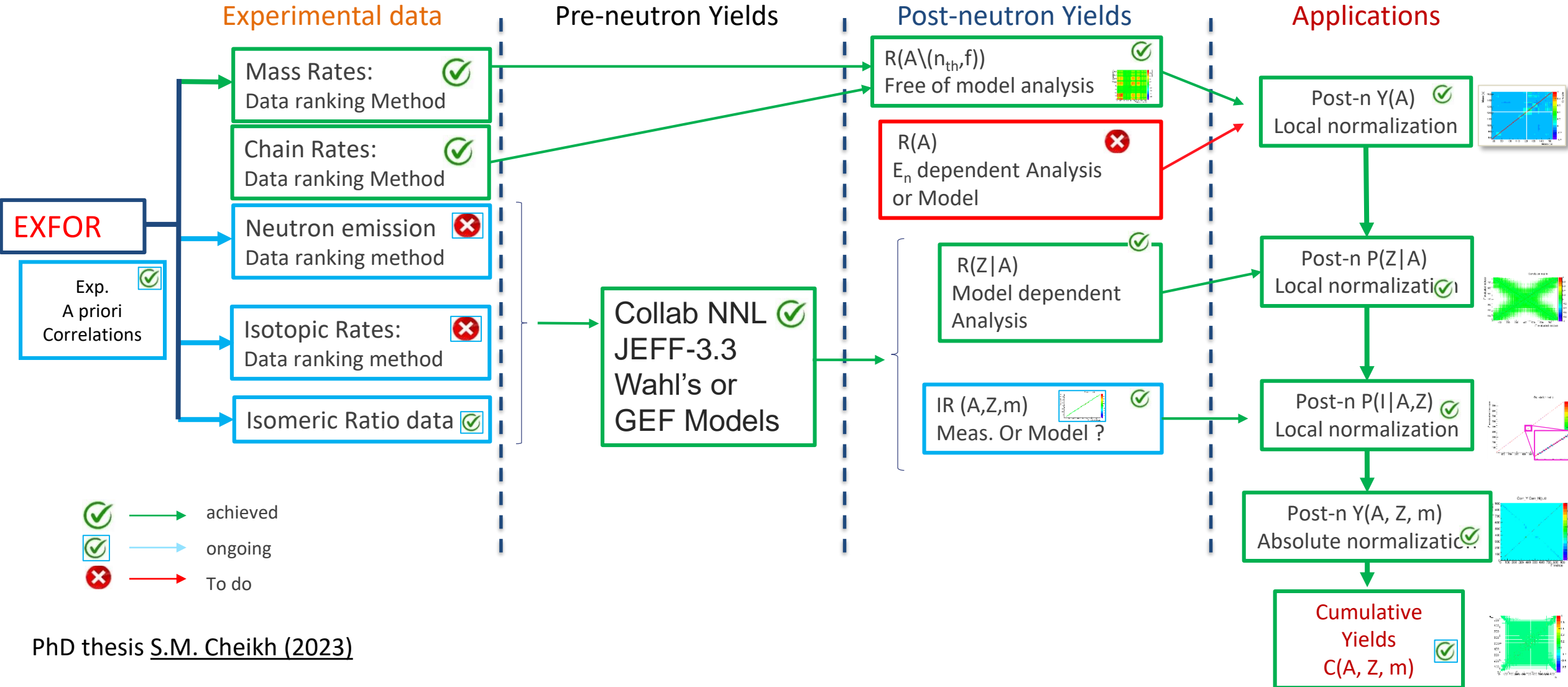
In JEFF evaluation, independent and cumulative yields are two different evaluations due to the precise knowledge of chain yields (by radiochemical methods)

Full statistical description of fission observables : mean value, variance, covariance , PDF

- Evaluations / measurements : no/ rare available covariance
- $\text{Mass} = \sum \text{Isotope}$ $\xrightarrow{\hspace{10em}}$ Major constraint for covariance matrix
- $\text{Variance}(\text{Mass}) = \sum \text{Var}(\text{Isotope}) + \sum \text{Cov}(\text{Isotopes}) \rightarrow \text{expected} < \sum \text{Var}(\text{Isotope})$
- In current evaluations $\text{Variance}(\text{Mass}) > \text{Var}(\text{major Isotope})$

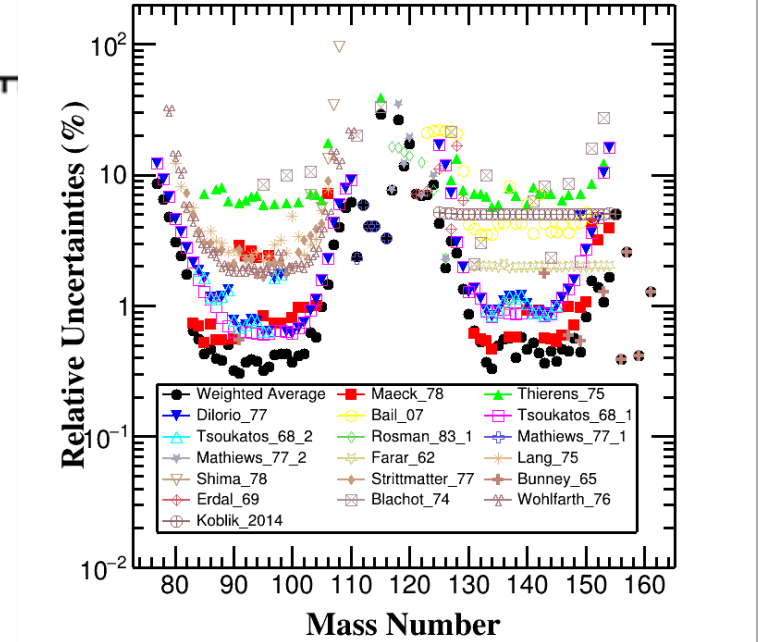
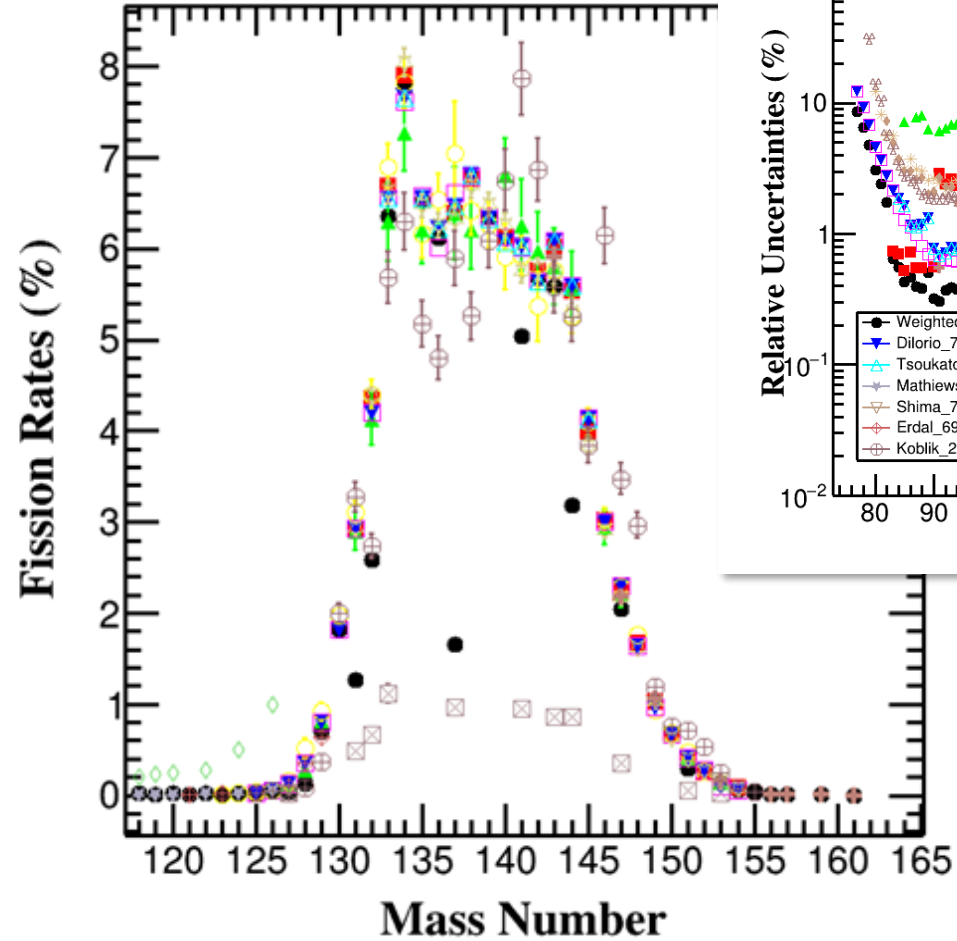
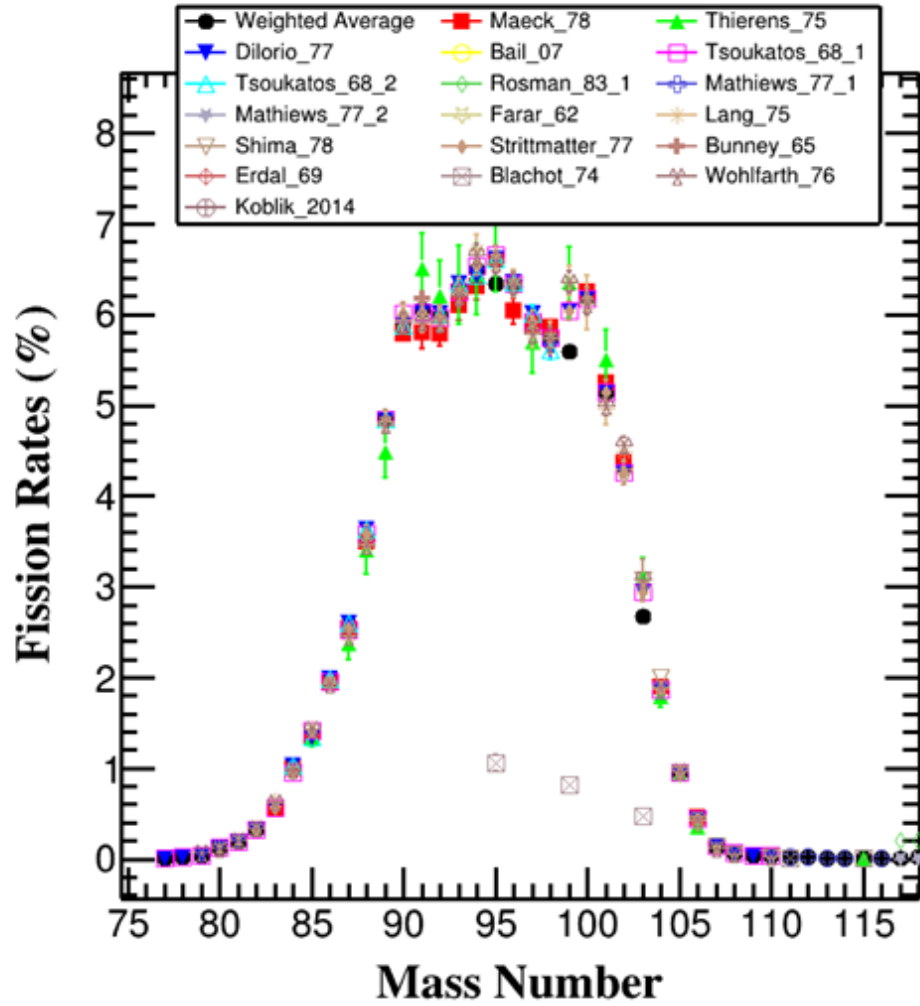


JEFF-4 Goal → New methodology : complete and consistent

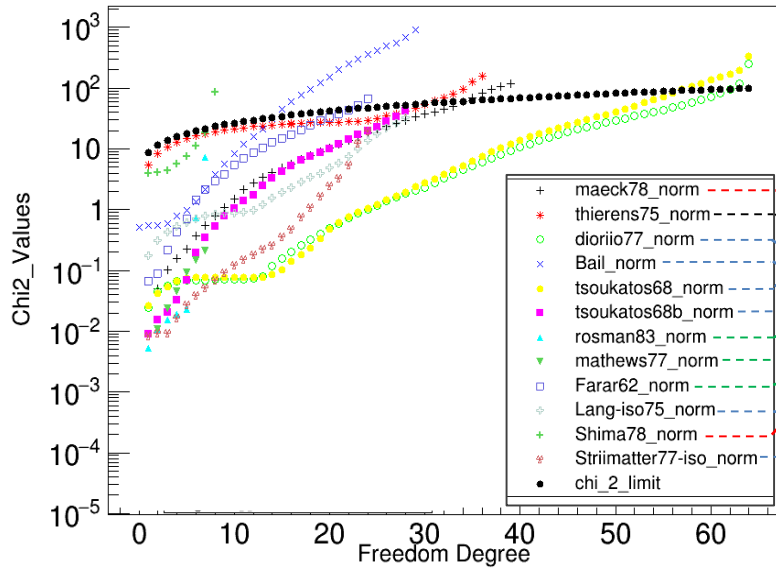


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$^{235}\text{U}(n_{\text{th}},f)$: Raw datasets from EXFOR



Gaussian compatibility tests and sorting of data

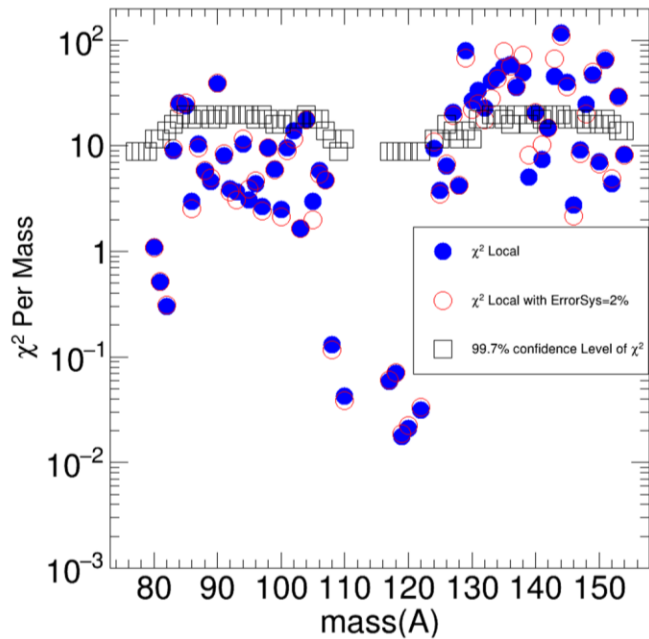
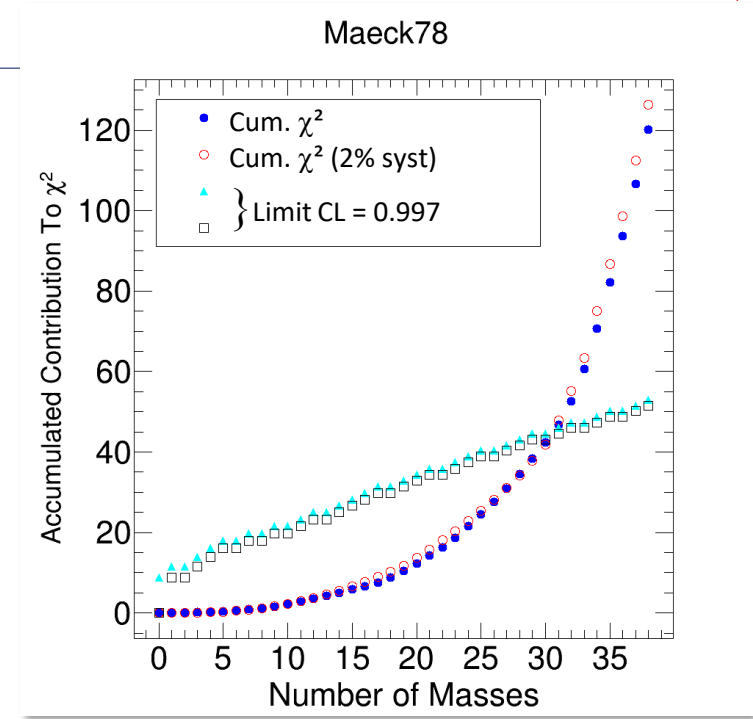


Cumulative yields
Gamma spectrometry

Cumulative yields
Radiochemical separation

Cumulative yields
Magnetic separation

Magnetic spectrometers
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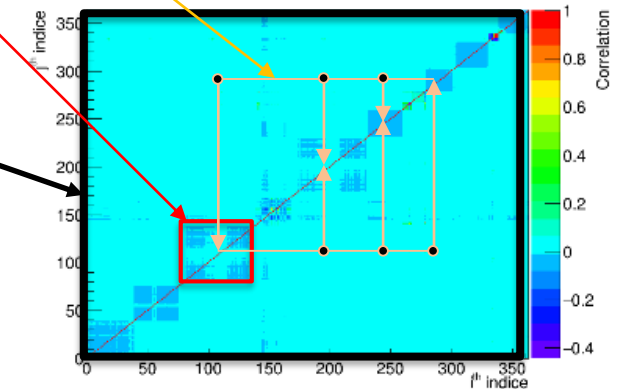


Heavy mass region
presents a maximum of
discrepancies

Mass measurement $\chi_g^2(A)$ test

Dataset $\chi_g^2(Dataset)$ test

Global χ_g^2 test





Fickel1959 Chain yields

TABLE IX

Mass spectrometric and isotope dilution data for Cs¹³³ produced in the thermal neutron fission of Pu²³⁹

Sample	Isotope	Ratio before isotope dilution	No. of atoms of isotope added per g of Pu ²³⁹ , ×10 ¹⁹	Ratio after isotope dilution	Calculated fission yield, atoms×10 ¹⁸ /g Pu ²³⁹
9	133	1.000	5.938	1.000	16.01
	137	0.9329±0.0089	—	0.1421±0.0008	—
8	133	1.000	7.853	1.000	18.35
	137	0.9322±0.0089	—	0.1765±0.0010	—
3	133	1.000	5.938	1.000	1.145
	137	0.9233±0.0135	—	0.02144±0.00028	—

TABLE X

Mass spectrometric and isotope dilution data for Sr⁹⁰ produced in the thermal neutron fission of Pu²³⁹

Sample	Isotope	Ratio before isotope dilution	No. of atoms of isotope added per g of Pu ²³⁹ , ×10 ¹⁹	Ratio after isotope dilution	Calculated fission yield, atoms×10 ¹⁸ /g Pu ²³⁹
9	88	0.6595±0.0062	1.274	3.307±0.022	—
	90	1.000	—	1.000	4.846
8	88	0.6599±0.0062	1.122	2.593±0.011	—
	90	1.000	—	1.000	5.849
3	88	1.191±0.012	0.6678	1.975±0.035	—
	90	1.000	—	1.000	0.3656

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TABLE XIII

Cumulative fission yields of the light fragments in the thermal neutron fission of Pu²³⁹ normalized to the 6.90% Cs¹³³ yield

Isotopic mass	Sample 3		Sample 8		Sample 9		Average % yield
	Atoms×10 ¹⁸	% yield	Atoms×10 ¹⁸	% yield	Atoms×10 ¹⁸	% yield	
72-82							0.59*
Kr ⁸³							0.29
Kr ⁸⁴							0.47
Rb ⁸⁵ (Kr ⁸⁵)			1.460	0.5456	1.262	0.5251	0.535
Kr ⁸⁶							0.75
Rb ⁸⁷			2.487	0.9291	0.2150	0.8942	0.912
Sr ⁸⁸	0.2387	1.438	3.819	1.440	3.164	1.368	1.43
Sr ⁸⁹	0.2868	1.728	4.589	1.726	3.802	1.639	1.71
Sr ⁹⁰	0.3656	2.203	5.849	2.199	4.846	2.089	2.16
Zr ⁹¹							2.59
Zr ⁹²							3.12
Zr ⁹³							3.94
Zr ⁹⁴							4.45
Mo ⁹⁵ (Zr ⁹⁵)			13.37	5.025	11.58	4.991	4.99
Zr ⁹⁶							5.13
Mo ⁹⁷			14.97	5.630	12.97	5.590	5.61
Mo ⁹⁸			15.60	5.861	13.50	5.818	5.84
99							6.44*
Mo ¹⁰⁰			1.882	7.072	1.629	7.020	7.05
Ru ¹⁰¹					13.60	5.860	5.86
Ru ¹⁰²					13.78	5.939	5.94
Ru ¹⁰³					13.06	5.626	5.63
Ru ¹⁰⁴					13.64	5.877	5.88
105							5.50*
Ru ¹⁰⁶					1.051	4.530	4.53
107							3.40*
108							2.44*
109							1.50†
110							0.76*
111							0.27†
112							0.10†
113							0.080*
114							0.060*
115							0.041*
116-118							0.122*
Cs ¹³³	1.45	6.90	18.35	6.90	16.01	6.90	
Total % yield							100.12

*Interpolated values.
†Radiochemical yields.

Example of re-interpretation of experimental data: reproducibility



Fickel1959 Chain yields

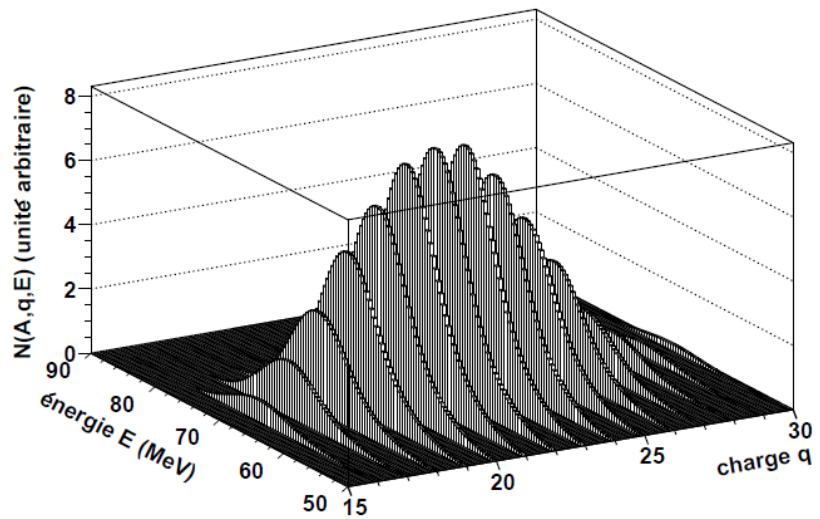
A	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Emirical Mean	Empirical Sandard Deviation	Student Standard deviation
83	0.29					
84	0.47					
85	0.5456	0.5251		0.53535	0.0145	4.9%
86	0.75					
87	0.9291	0.8942		0.91165	0.0247	4.9%
88	1.438	1.44	1.368	1.41533333	0.0580	5.4%
89	1.728	1.726	1.639	1.69766667	0.0719	5.6%
90	2.203	2.199	2.089	2.16366667	0.0915	5.6%
91	2.59					
92	3.12					
93	3.94					
94	4.45					
95	5.025	4.991		5.008	0.0240	0.9%
96	5.13					
97	5.63	5.59		5.61	0.0283	0.9%
98	5.861	5.818		5.8395	0.0304	0.9%
100	7.072	7.02		7.046	0.0368	0.9%
101	5.86					
102	5.94					
103	5.63					
104	5.88					
106	4.53					
109	1.5					
111	0.27					
112	0.1					
133	6.9					

Mean Student Unc.	3.34%
Min Student Unc.	0.9%

A	Sample 1	Sample 2	Emirical Mean	Empirical Sandard Deviation	Student Standard deviation
131	3.8	3.73	3.77	0.0495	2.4%
132	5.3	5.21	5.26	0.0636	2.2%
133	6.96	6.83	6.90	0.0919	2.4%
134	7.52	7.39	7.46	0.0919	2.2%
135	7.32	7.17	7.25	0.1061	2.7%
136	6.69	6.56	6.63	0.0919	2.5%
137	6.54	6.42	6.48	0.0849	2.4%
138	0	6.25	6.25		3.0%
140	5.5	5.66	5.58	0.1131	3.7%
142	4.9	5.03	4.97	0.0919	3.4%
143	4.5	4.61	4.56	0.0778	3.1%
144	3.78	3.89	3.84	0.0778	3.7%
145	3.08	3.16	3.12	0.0566	3.3%
146	2.53	2.6	2.57	0.0495	3.5%
147	2.02	1.96	1.99	0.0424	3.9%
148	1.69	1.73	1.71	0.0283	3.0%
149	1.32	1.28	1.30	0.0283	4.0%
150	1	1.03	1.02	0.0212	3.8%
151	0.814	0.79	0.80	0.0170	3.8%
152	0.625	0.606	0.62	0.0134	4.0%
154	0.297	0.289	0.29	0.0057	3.5%

Mean Student Unc.	3.2%
Min Student Unc.	2.2%

Uncertainty estimation form Lohengrin of historical method



$^{235}\text{U}(n_{\text{th}},f) Y(A)$ (on going)

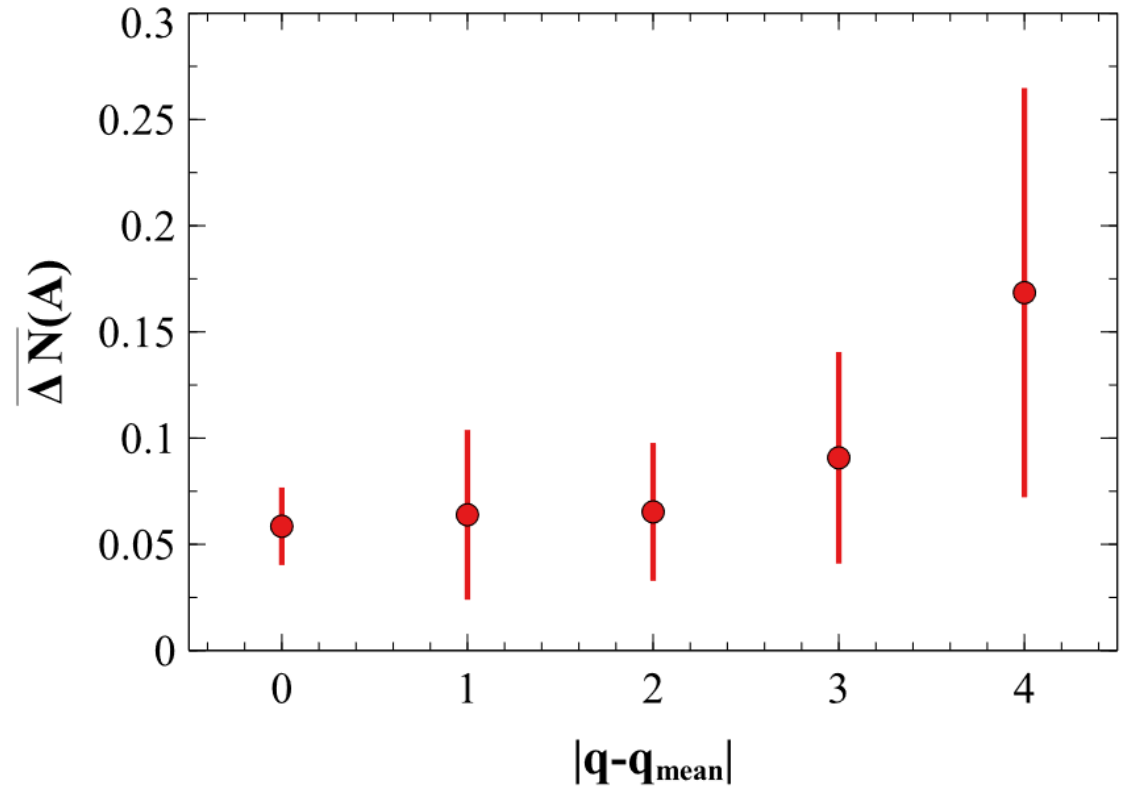
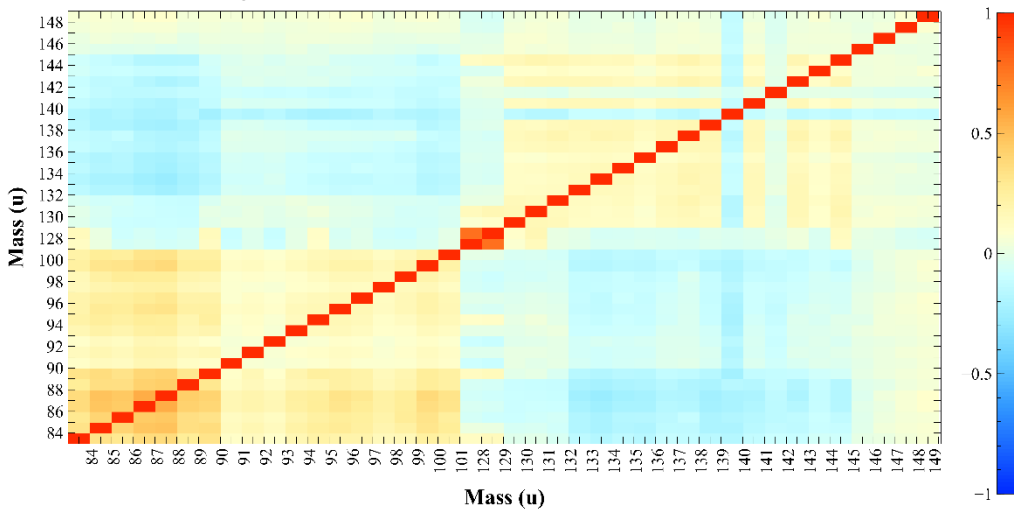
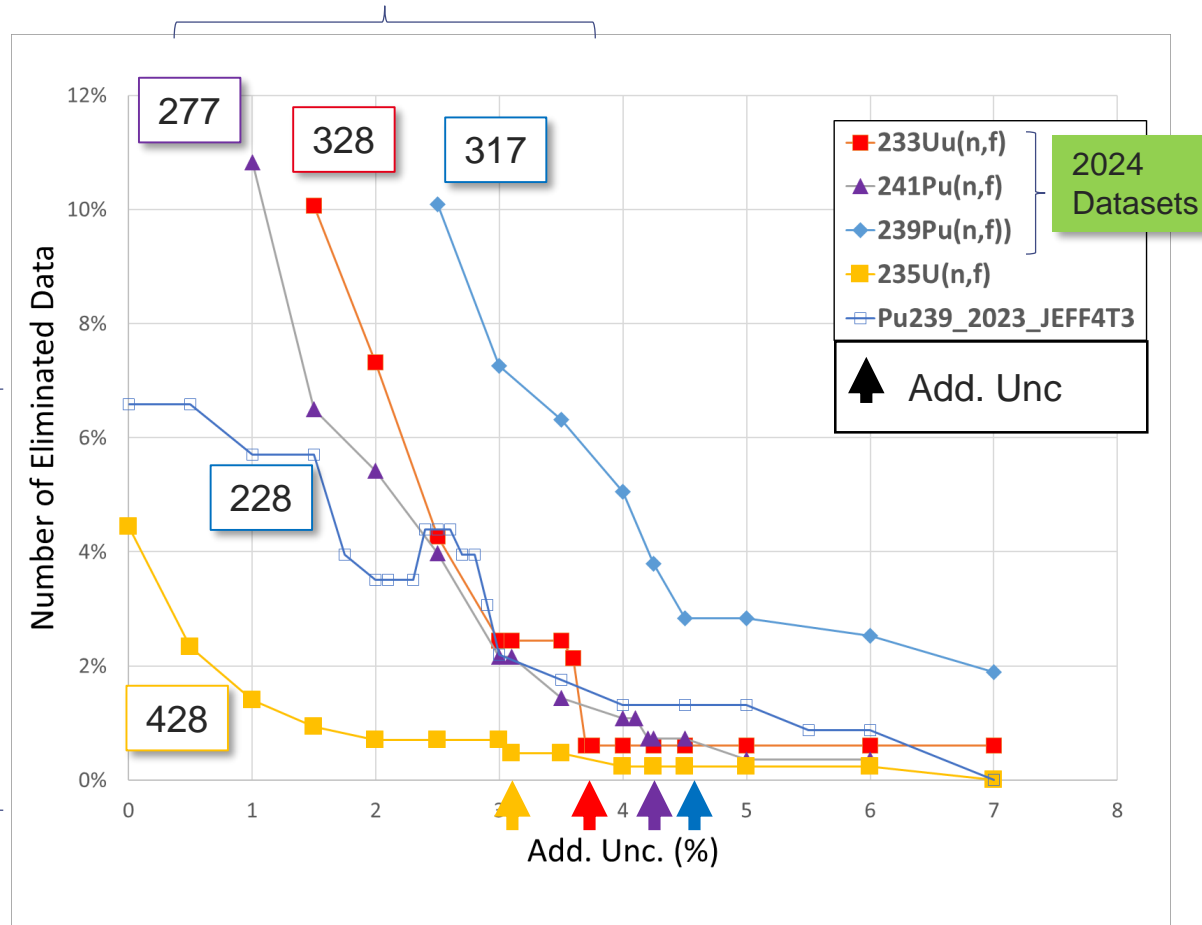


Fig. 10 Impact of the correlation (E_k, q) on the estimation of the relative mass yields. The bias rises from 5 to 17% when the scan is performed at a charge state q that differs more from q_{mean} is observed. See text for details

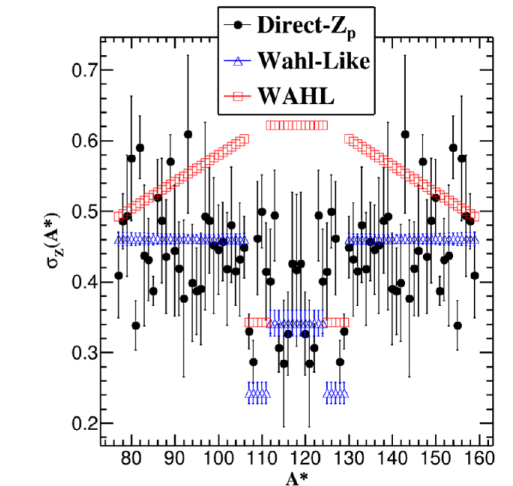
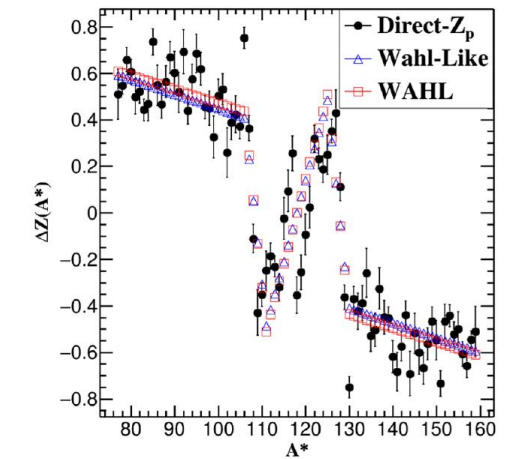
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Test and sorting of available experimental data for the 4 main fissile nuclei

Integrating several cumulative yields \equiv chain yields according to $P(Z|A, \text{JEFF3.3})$ sorting \longrightarrow

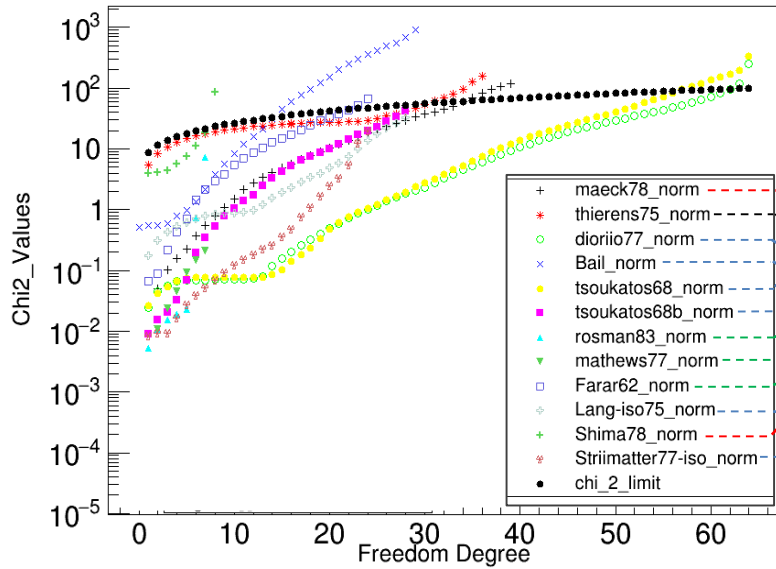


sorting depends on mean nuclear charge



Only mass yields and chain yields used in these analyses

Gaussian compatibility tests and sorting of data

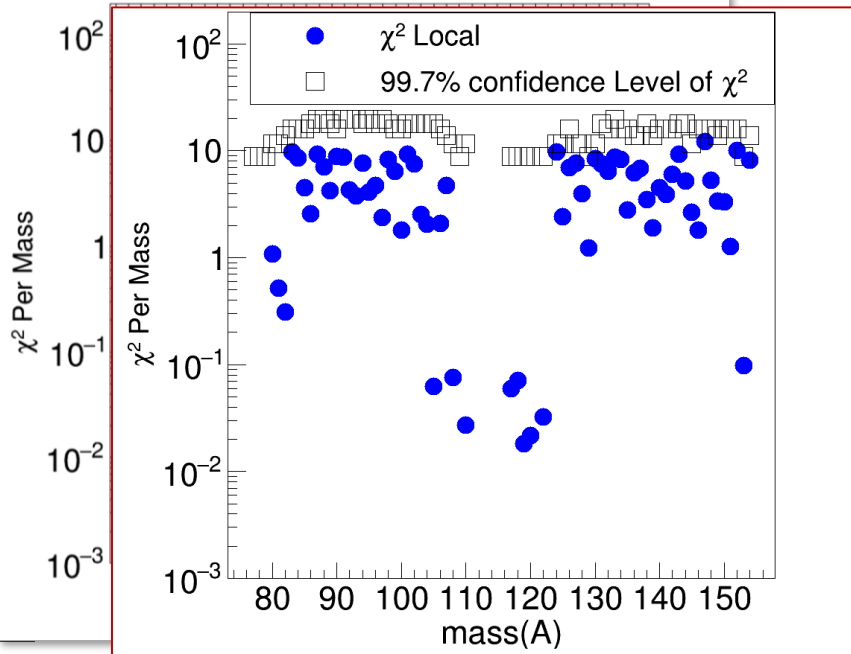
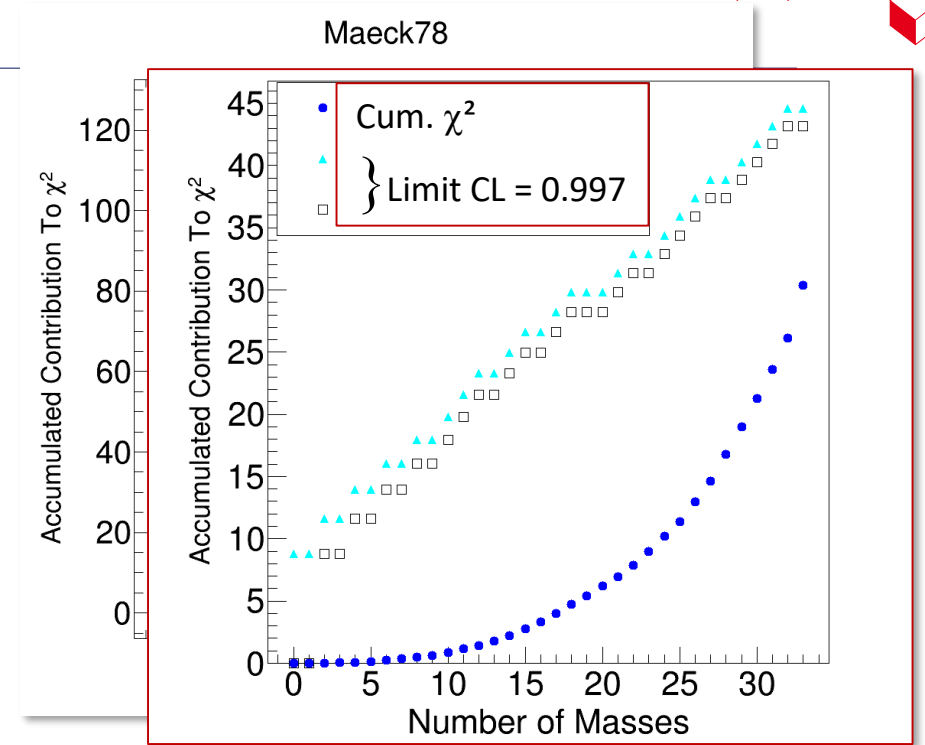


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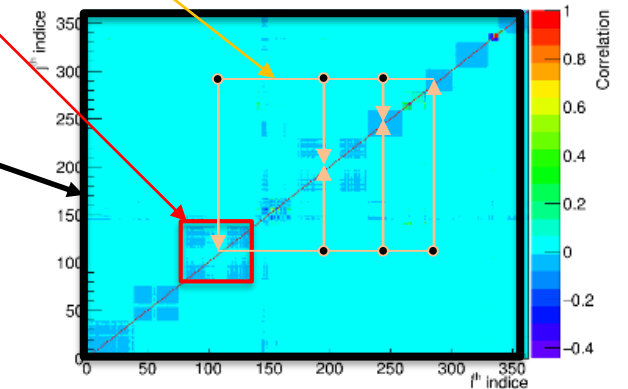


Mass region
with a maximum of
precisions

Mass measurement $\chi_g^2(A)$ test

Dataset $\chi_g^2(Dataset)$ test

Global χ_g^2 test



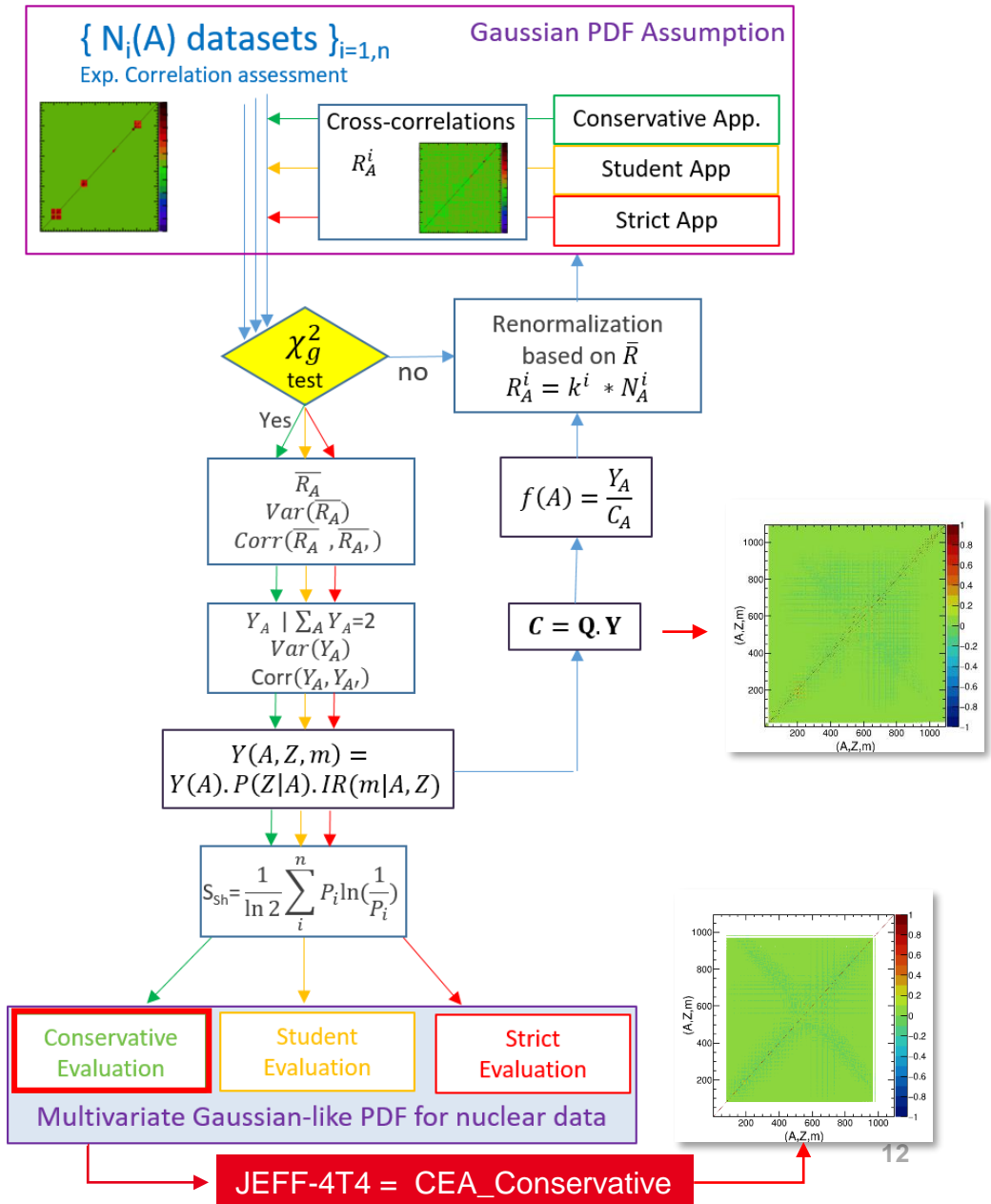
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• Previous FY evaluations :

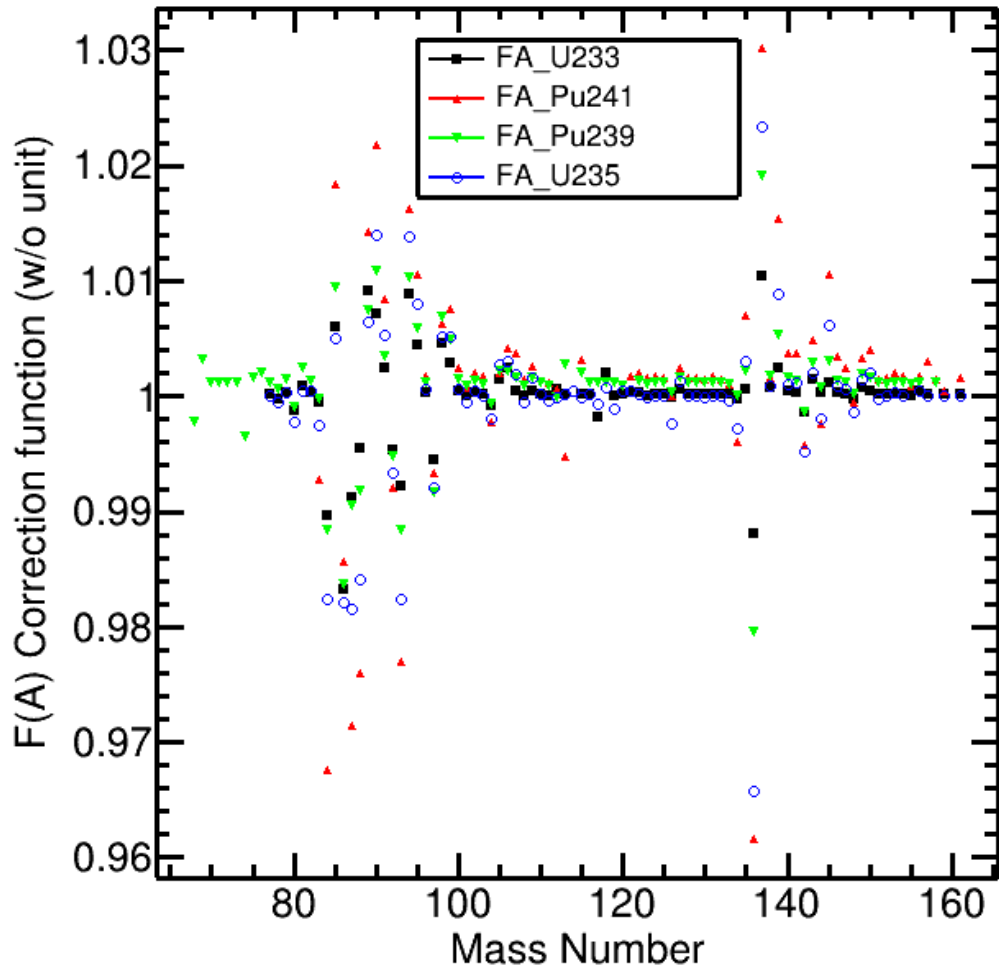
- Independent and Cumulative FY evaluations are **two different evaluations** : only mean values follow conservation laws
- Driven by the cumulative data
- **Uncertainties** of Ind. FY are **overestimated** due to the lack of correlation matrix as by-product of the analysis
- Covariance/correlation matrix of Ind FY is extrapolated assuming the C. Devillers methodology : **Assumption Corr (C, C') = I**

• JEFF-4 Evaluation

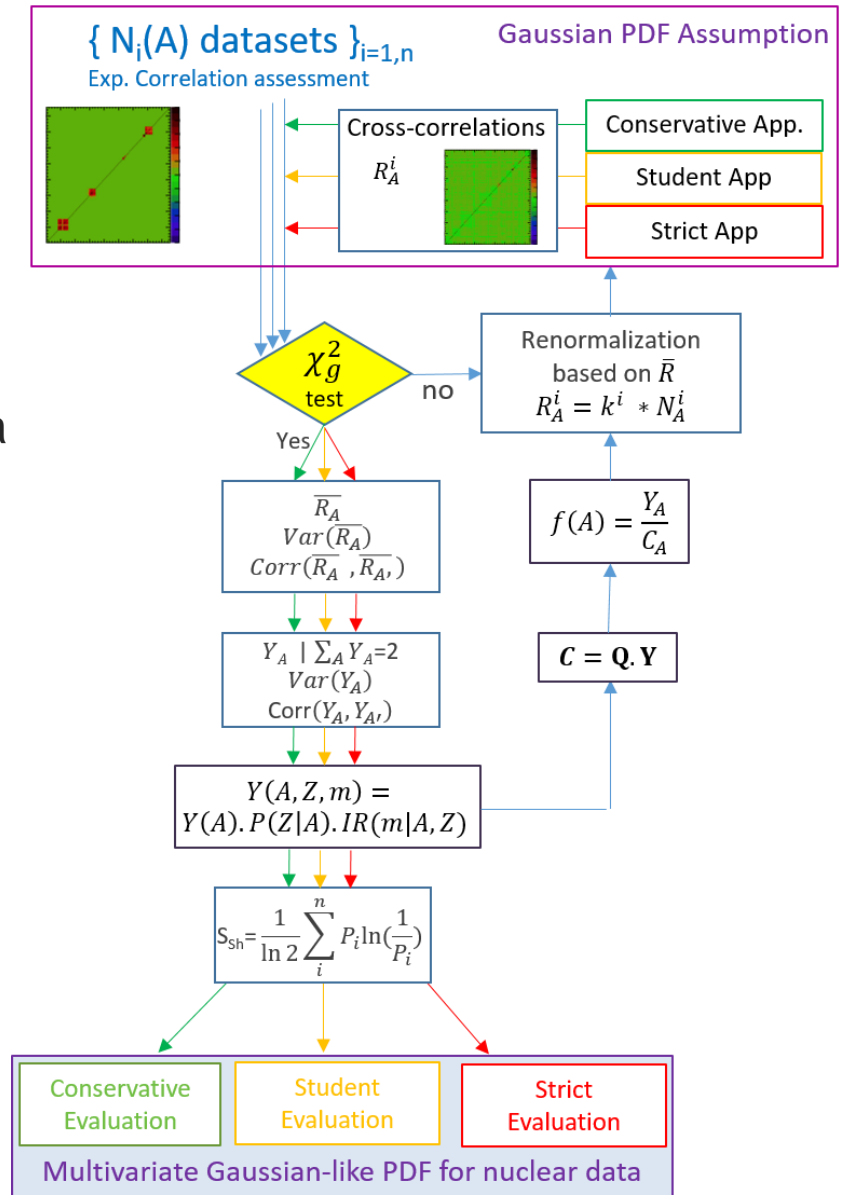
- Independent and Cumulative FY come from a **unique evaluation**
- Take into account the **experimental correlation matrix** available or deduced from literature
- **Complete description of the fission yield observables**
- **Consistent** according to the conservation laws for :
mean values, uncertainties and correlation matrices

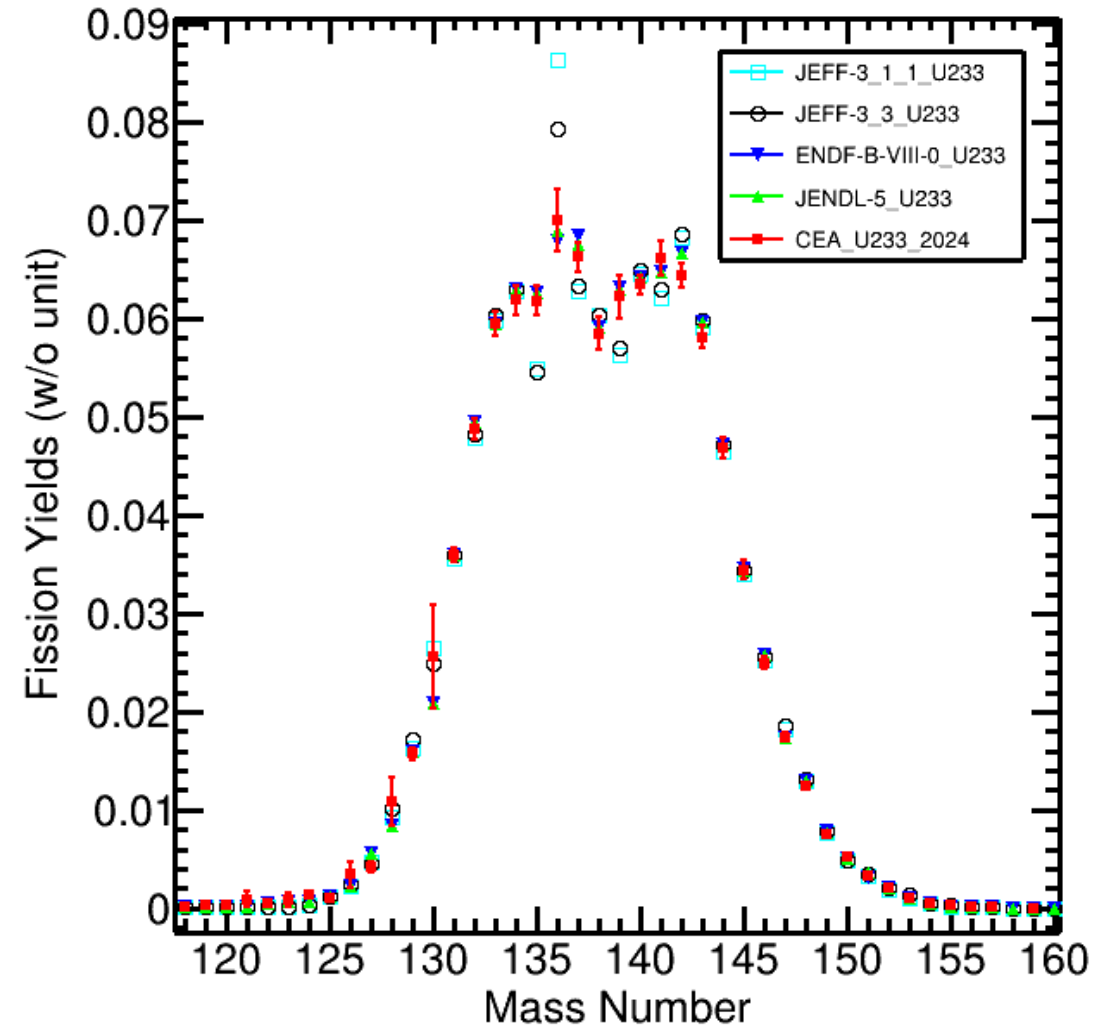
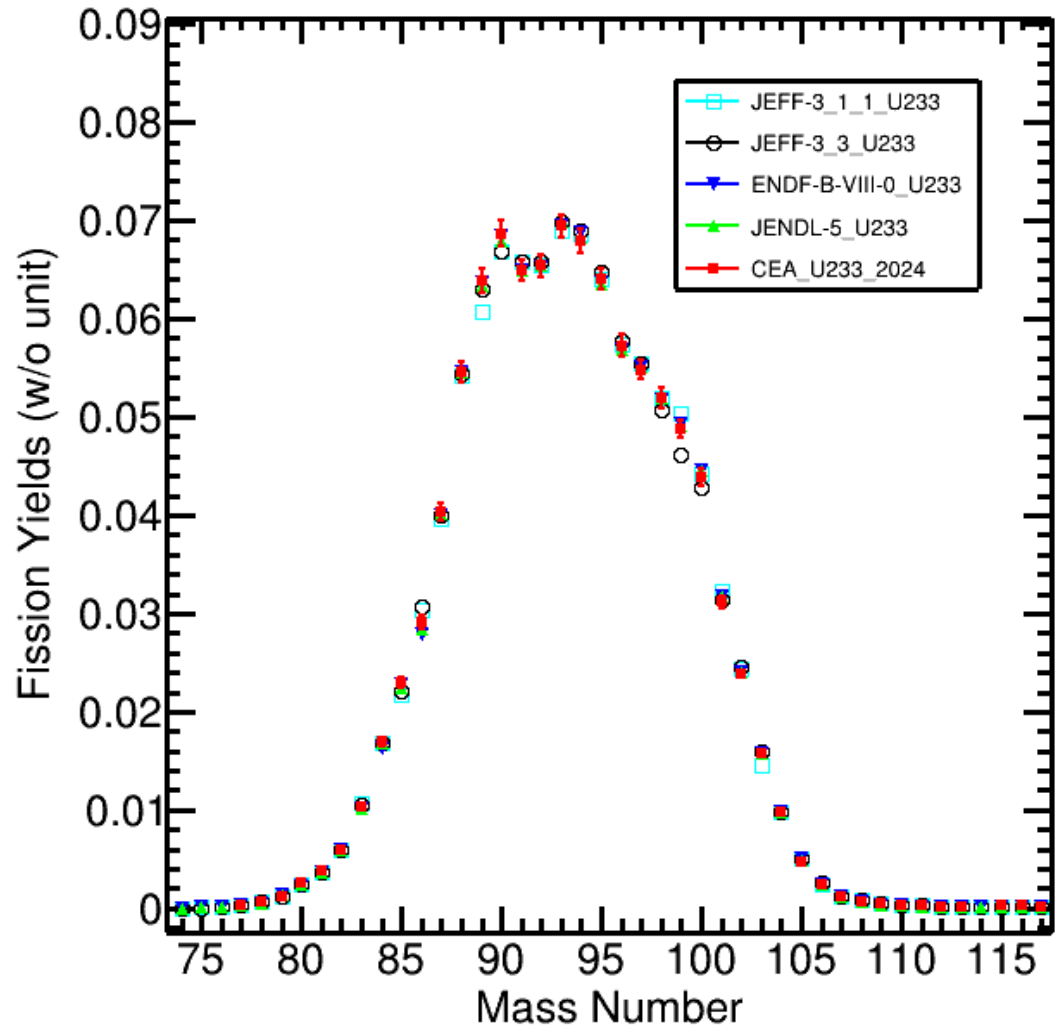


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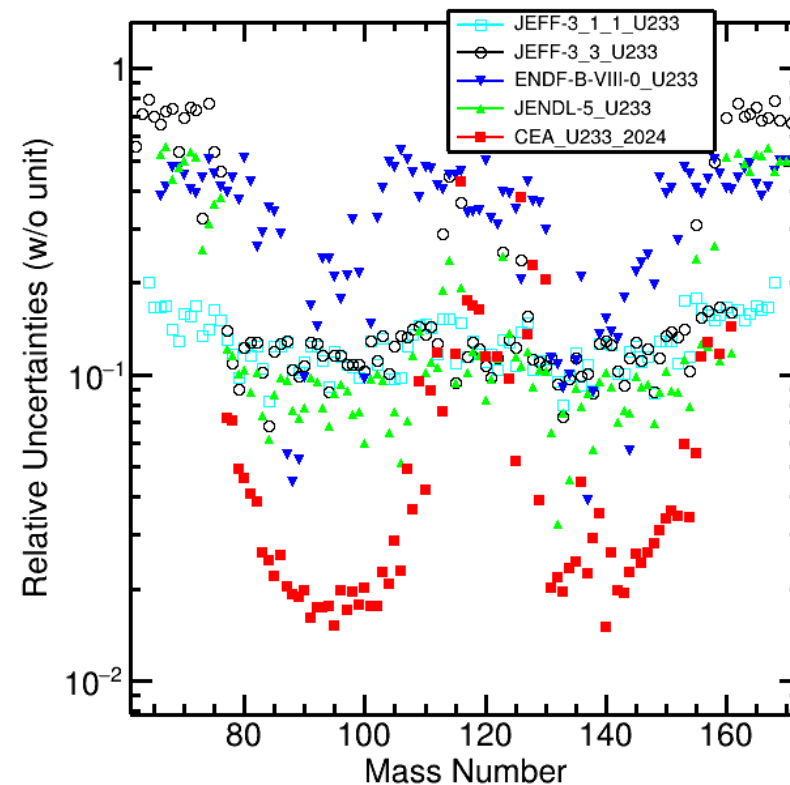
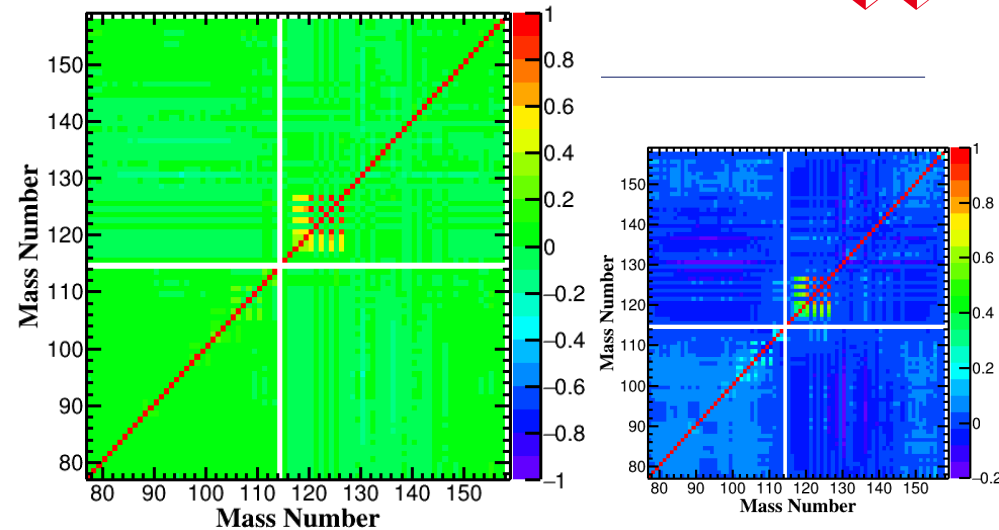
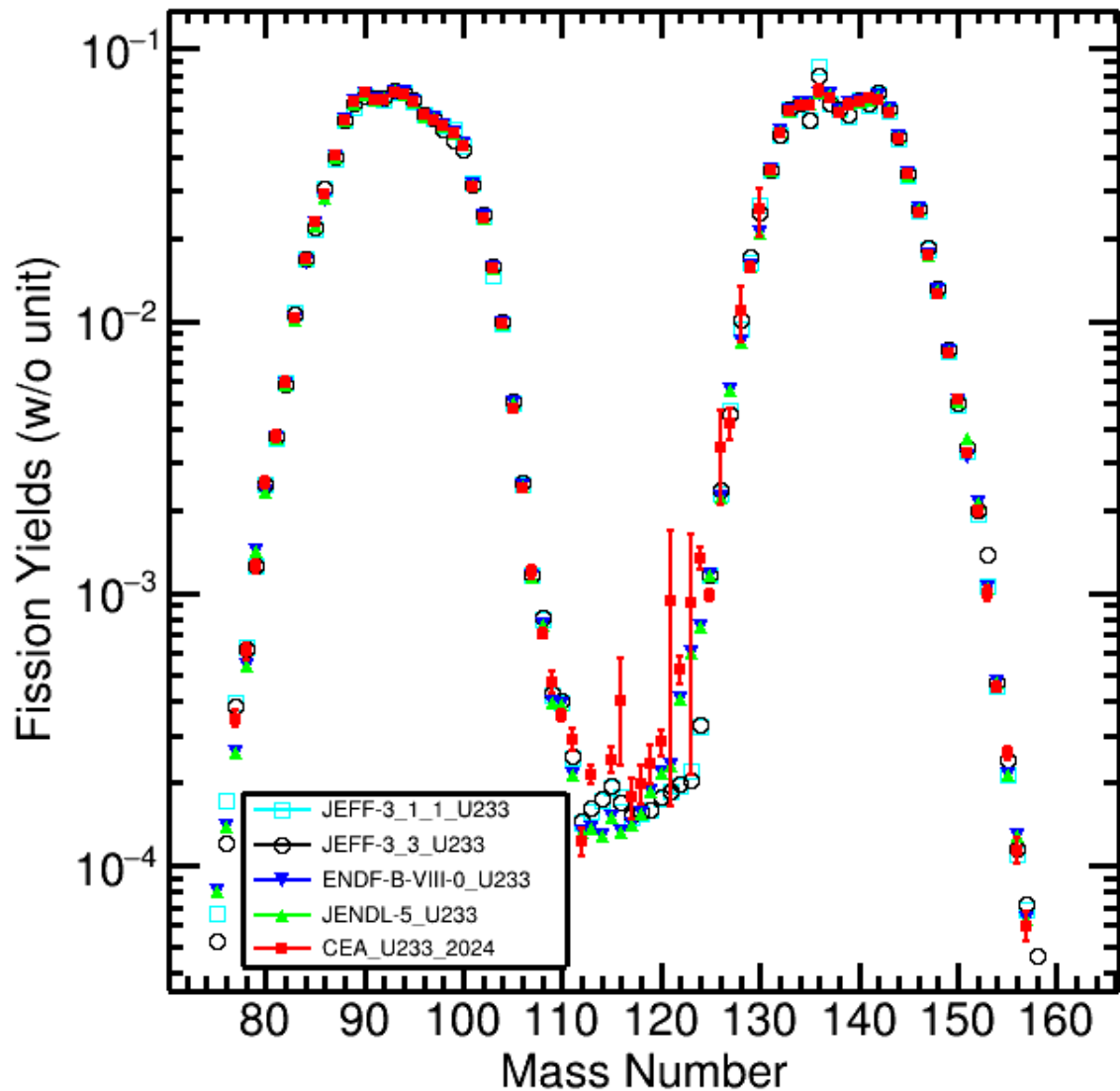


Up to 7% effect of JEFF-3.3 Decay Data in the combination of mass yield and chain yield datasets

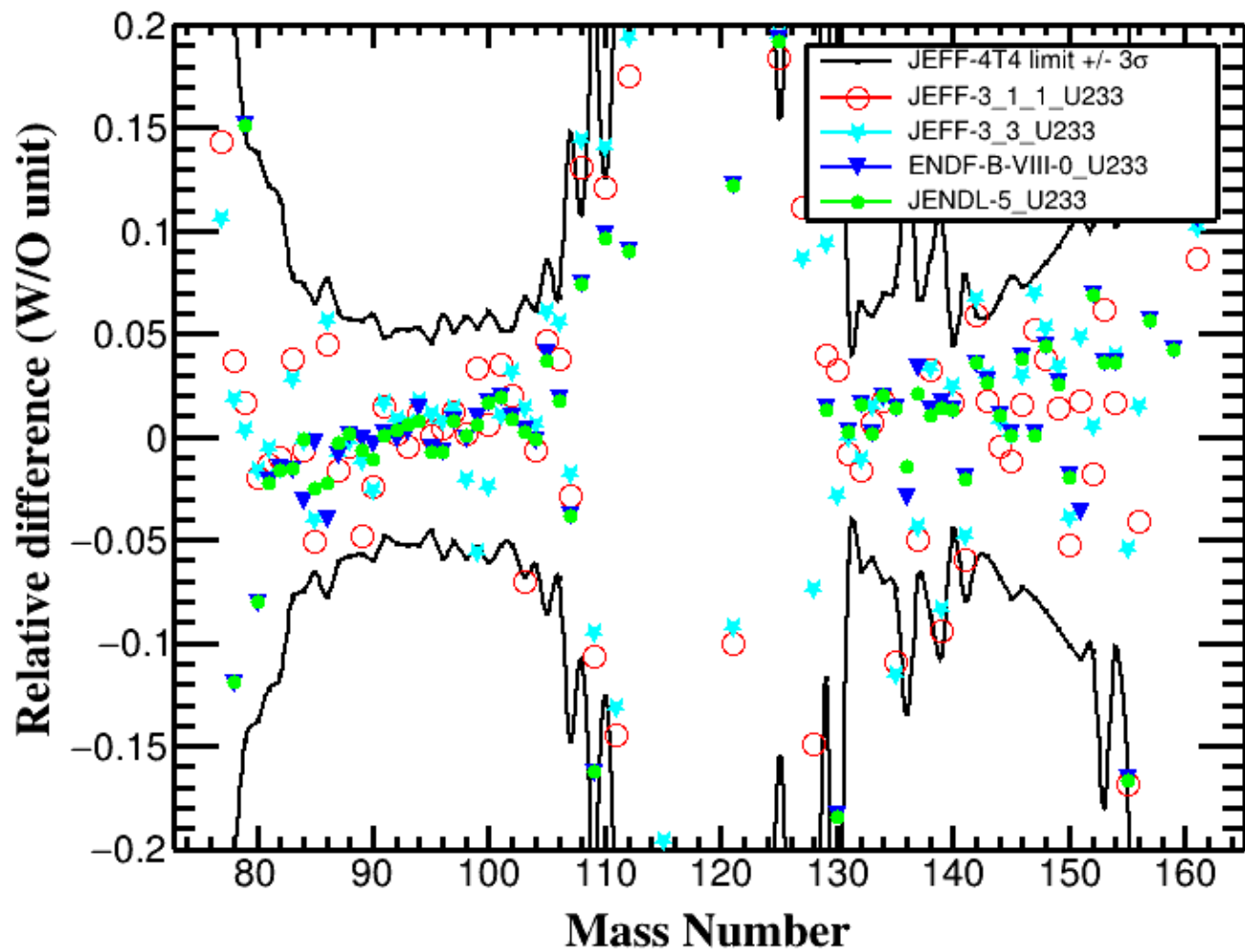
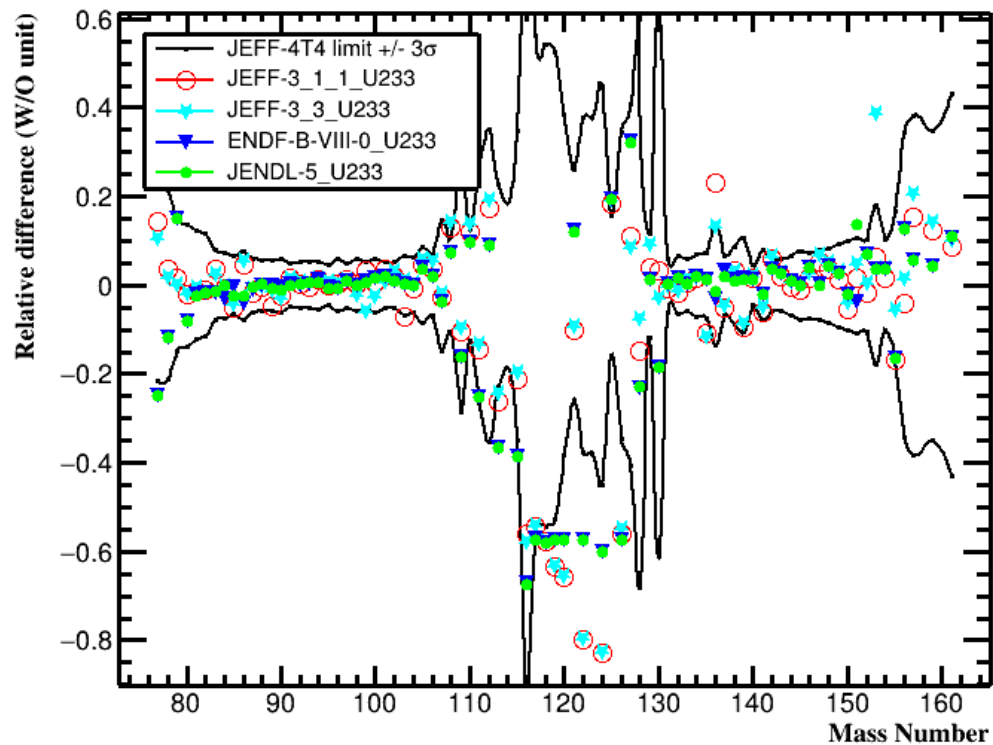




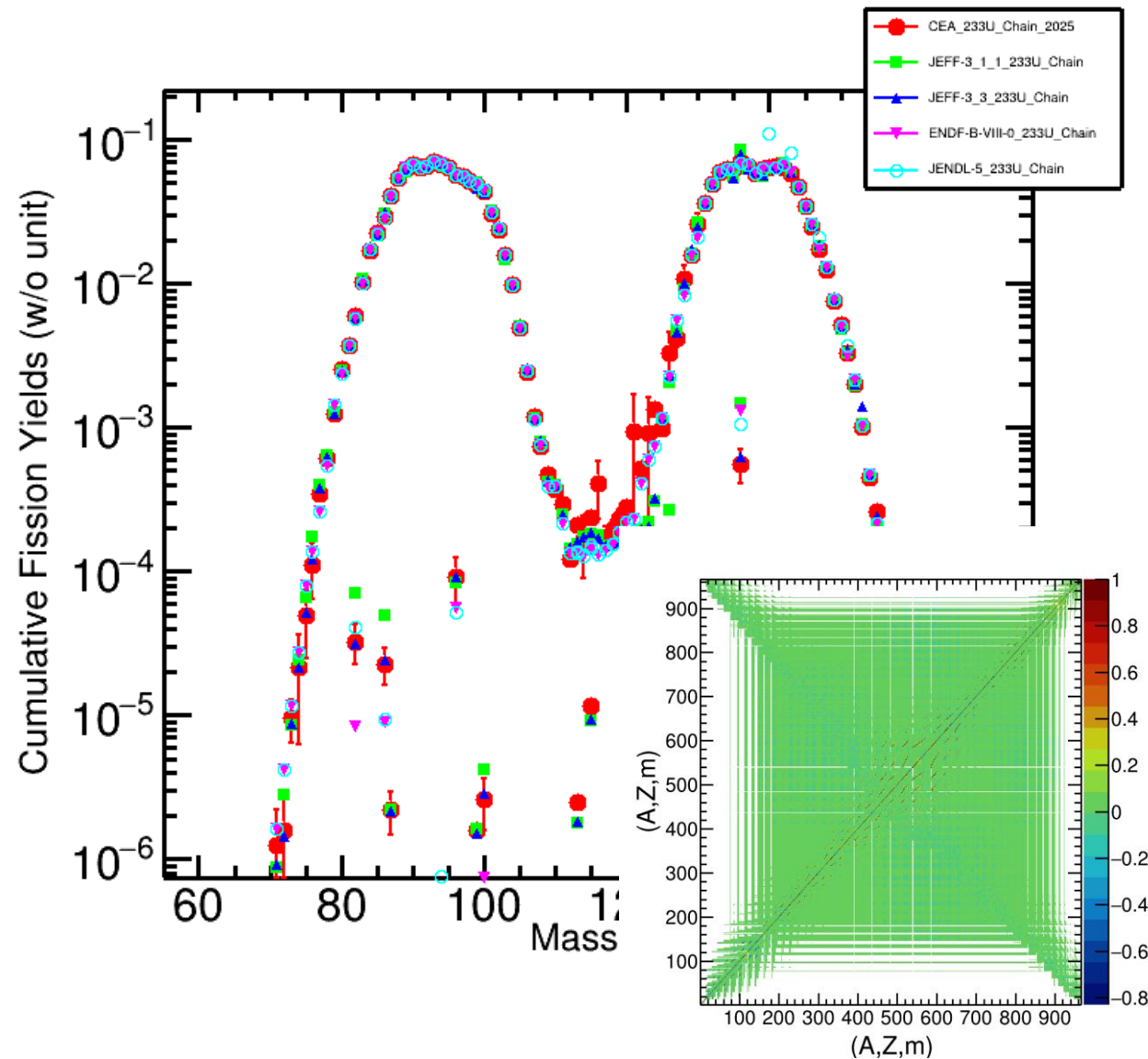
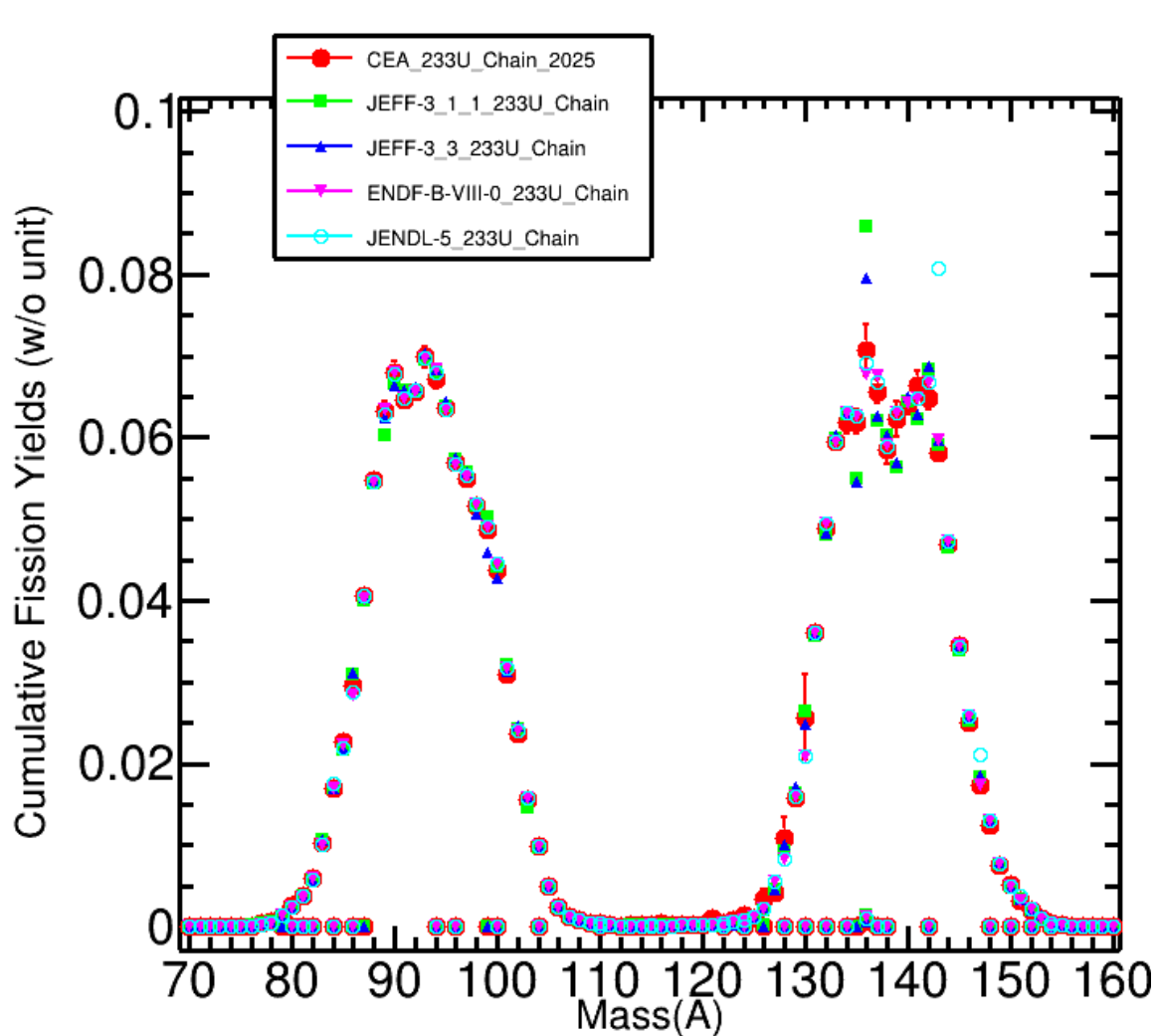
$^{233}\text{U}(n_{\text{th}},f)$: Mass yields



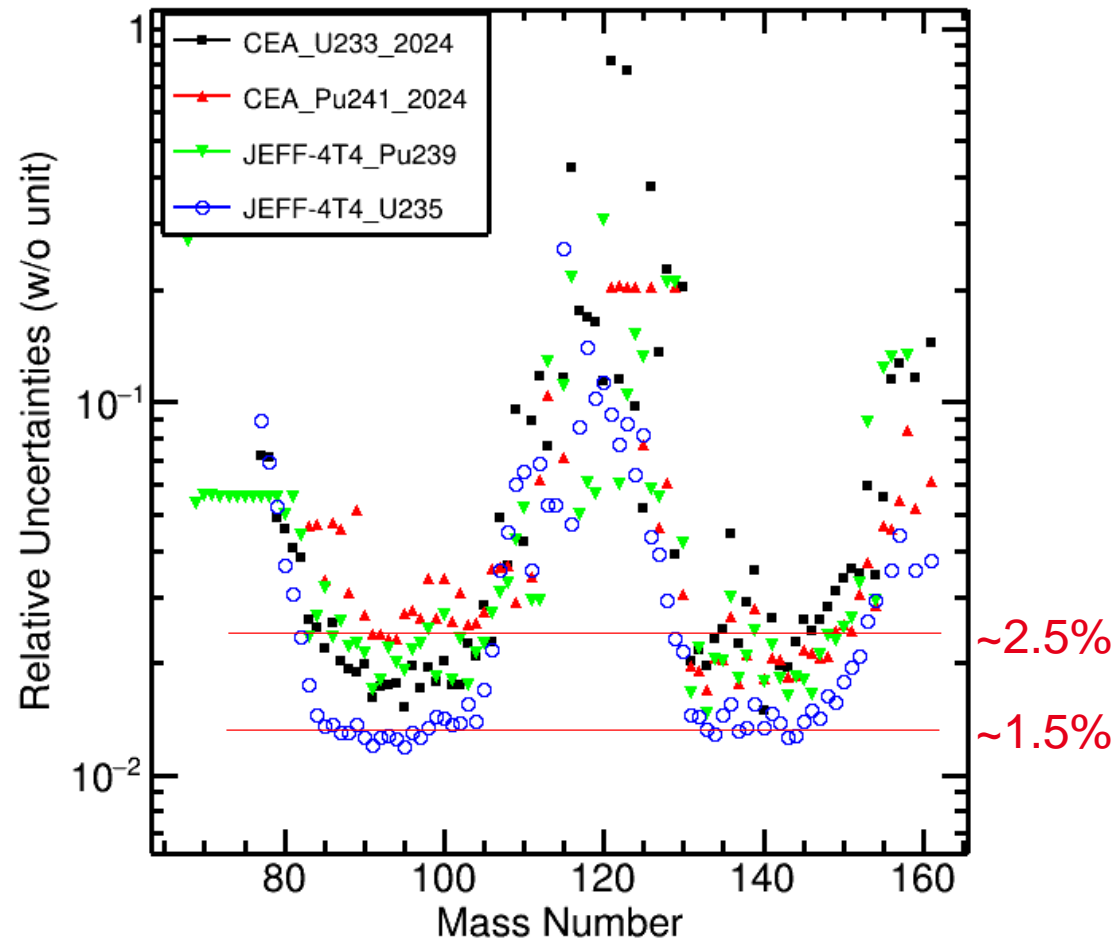
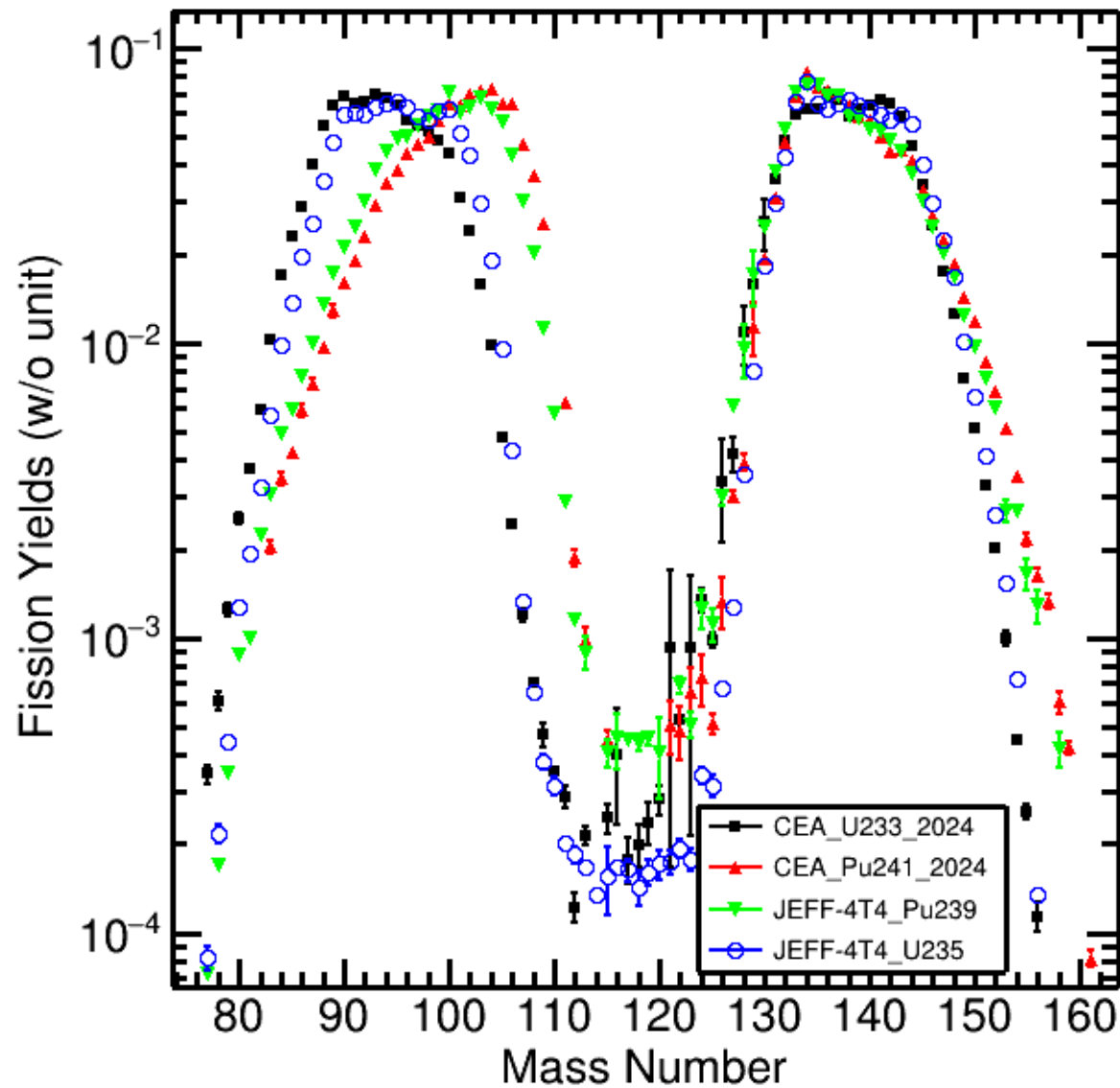
$^{233}\text{U}(n_{\text{th}},f)$: Exclusion plot



$^{233}\text{U}(n_{\text{th}},f)$: Chain Yields



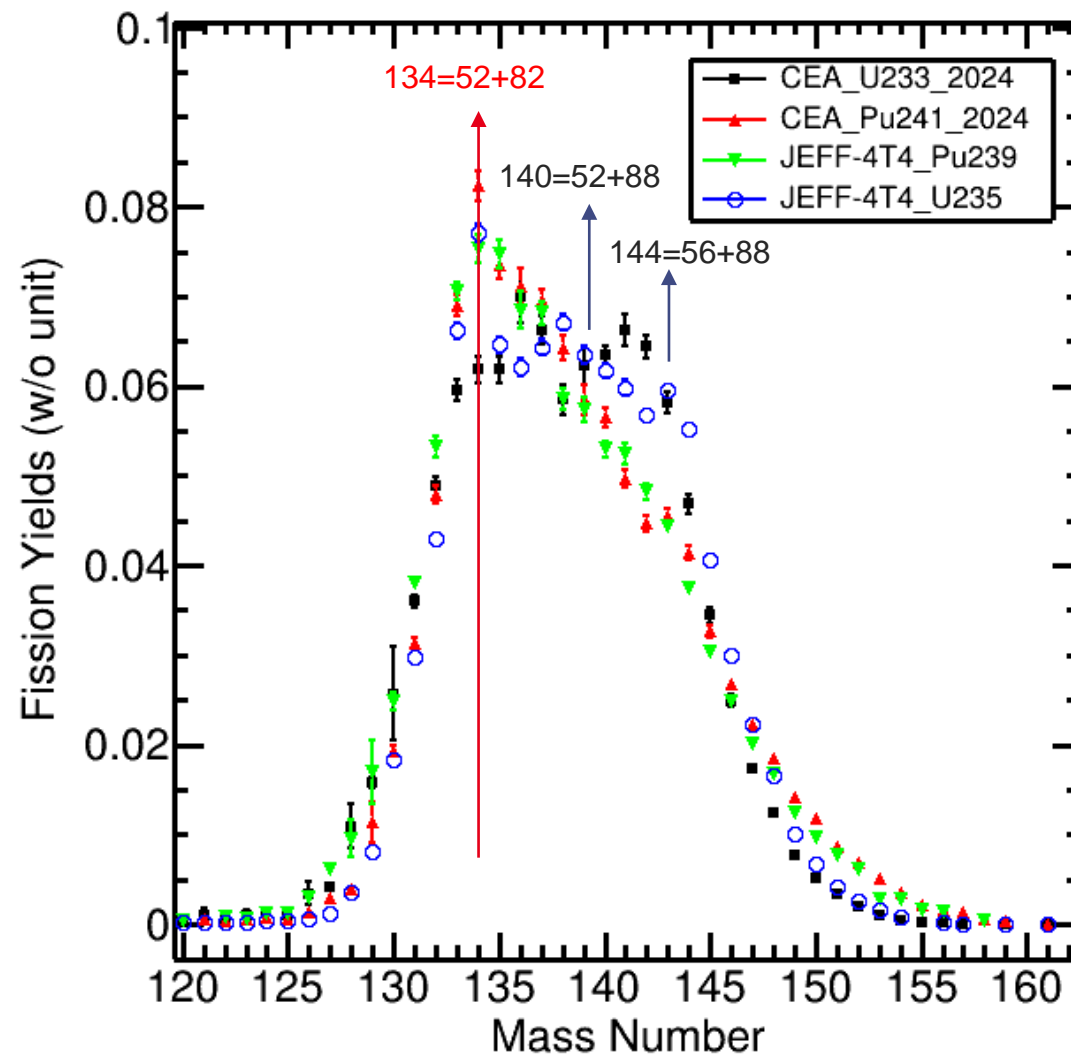
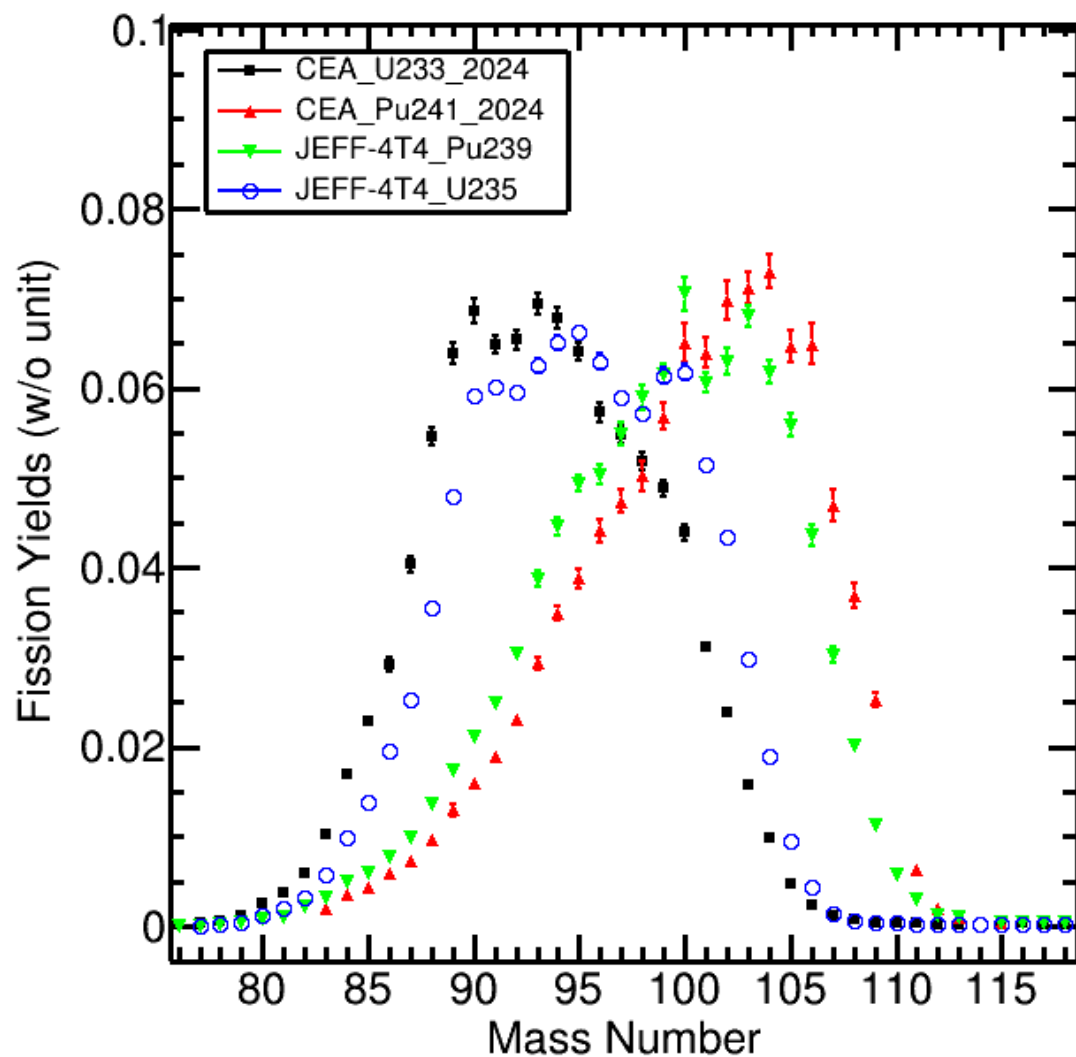
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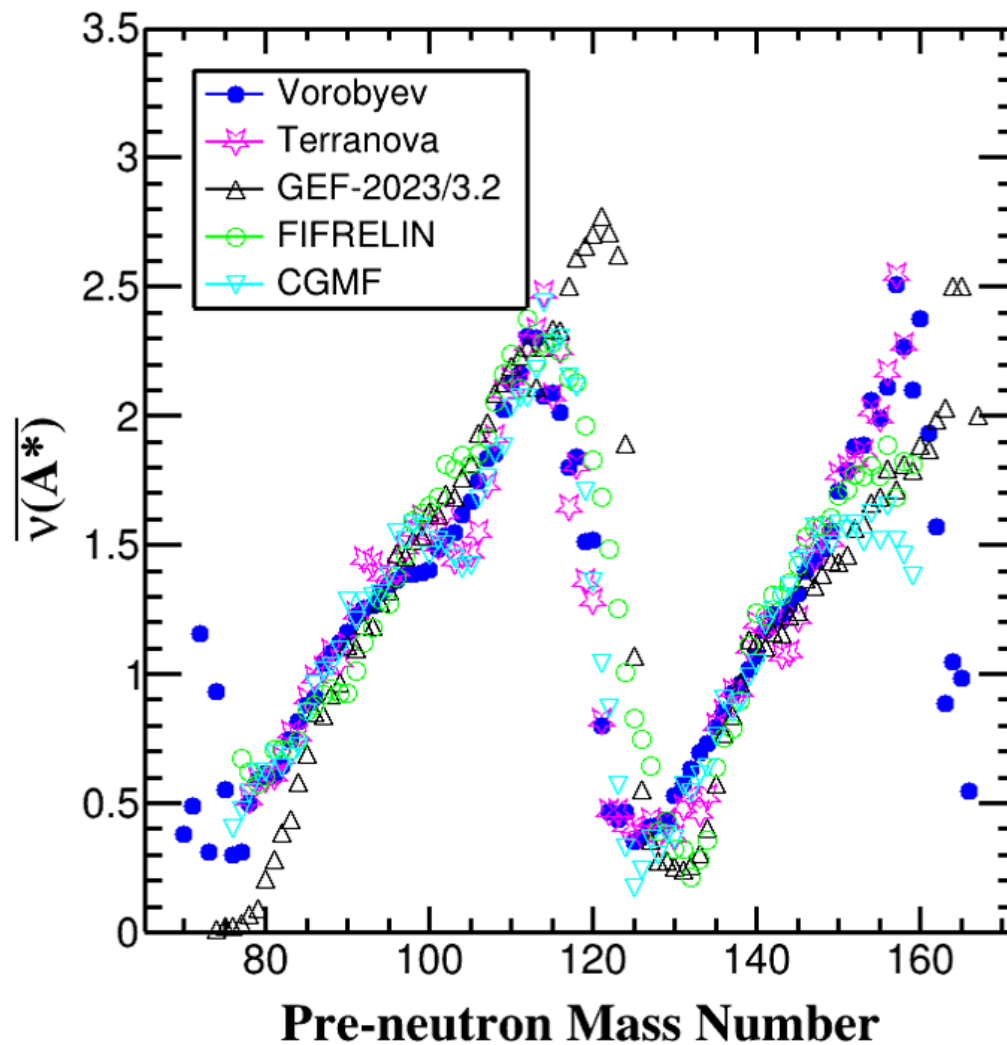
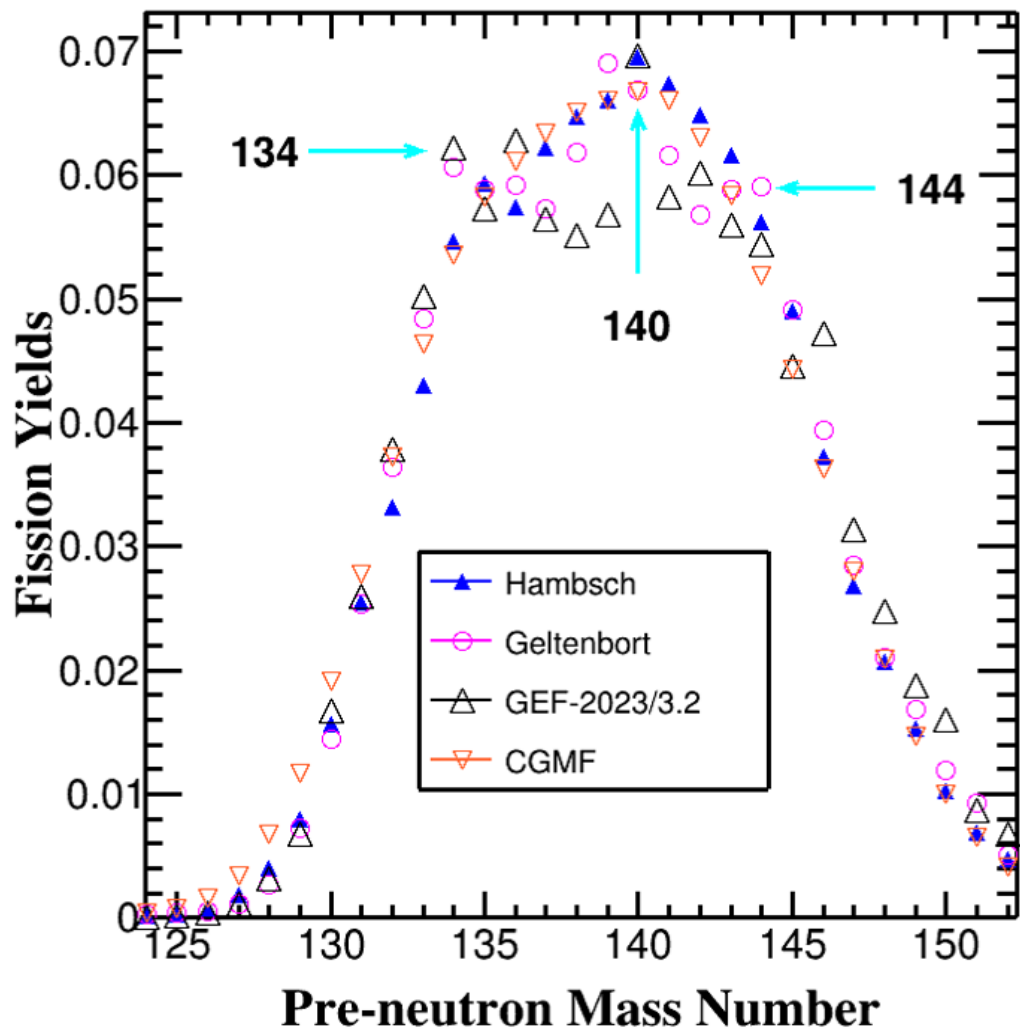
→ New evaluated database – free of model input- – in order to test phenomenological fission models

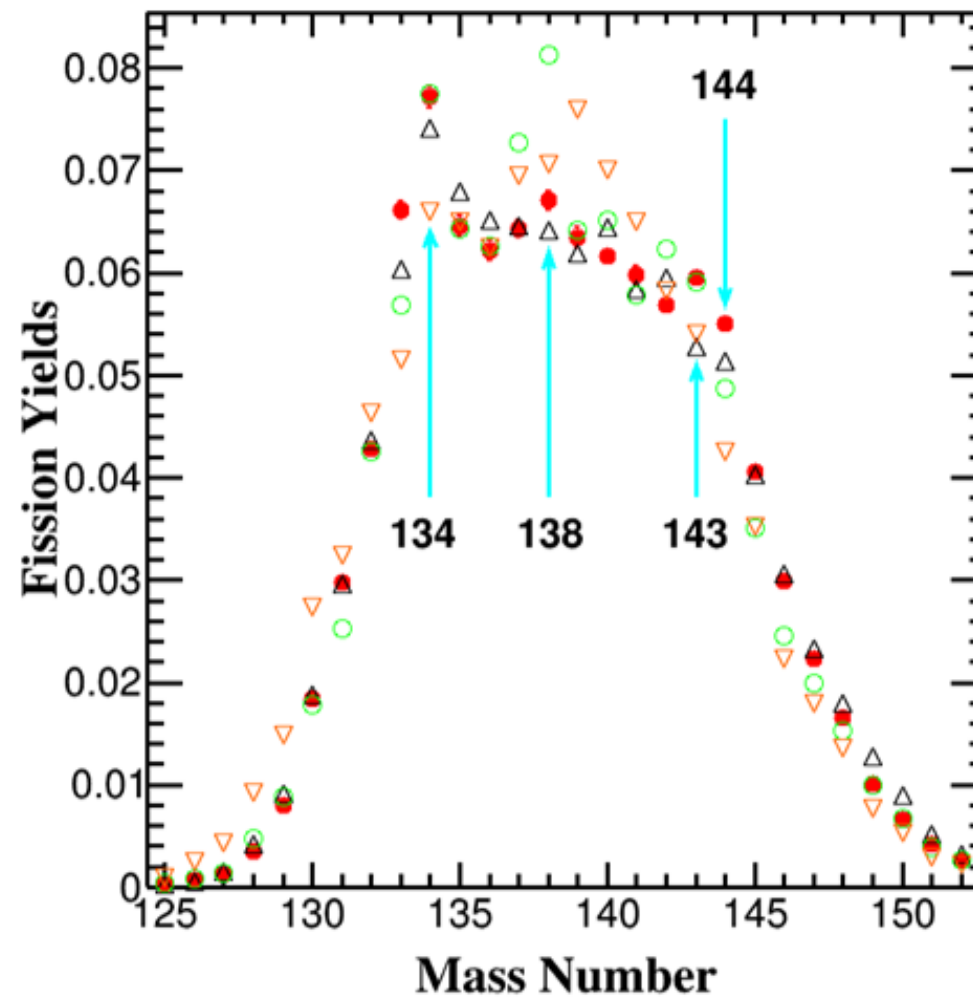
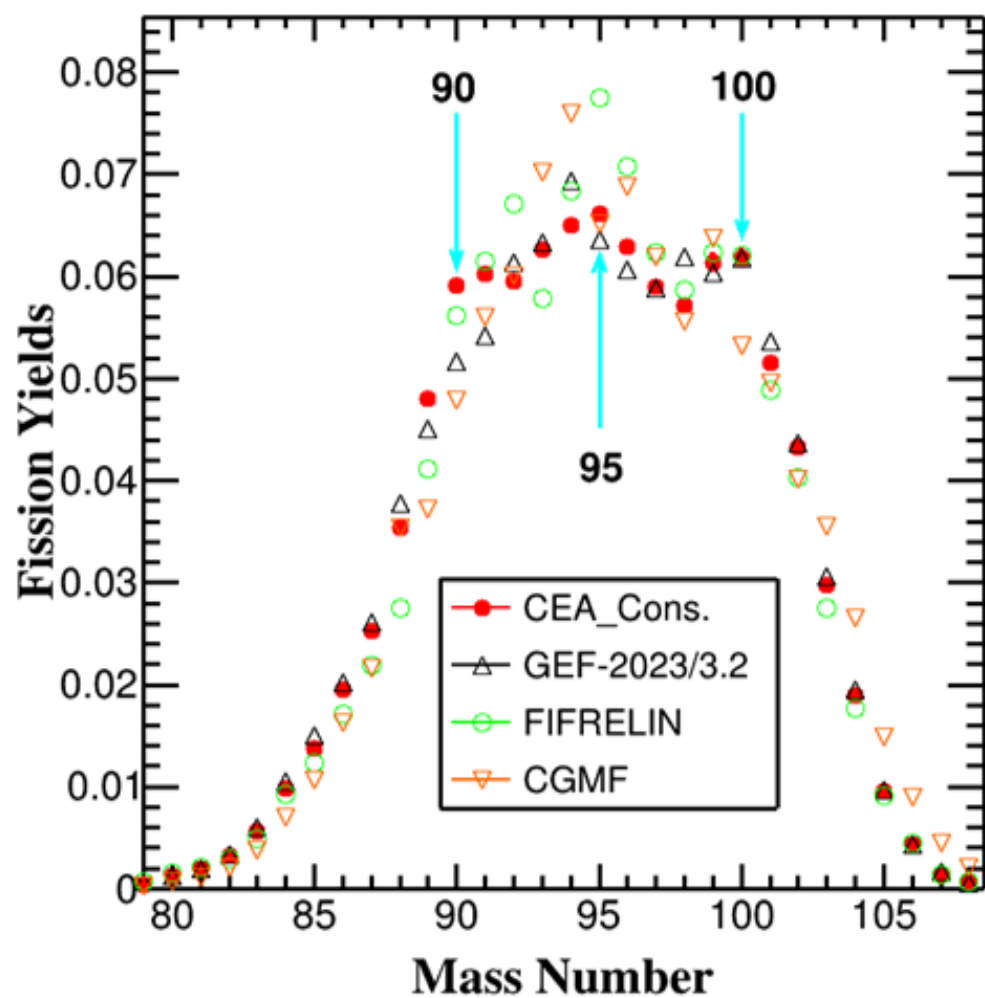


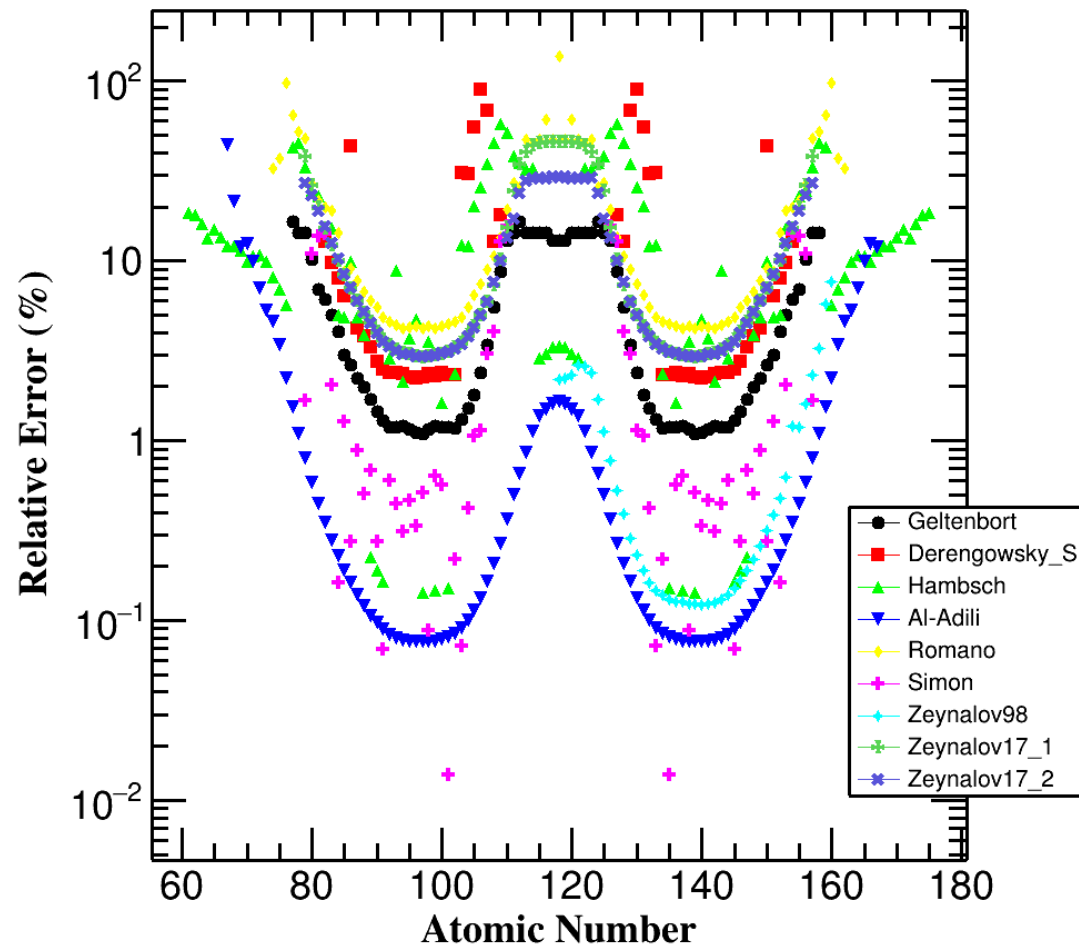
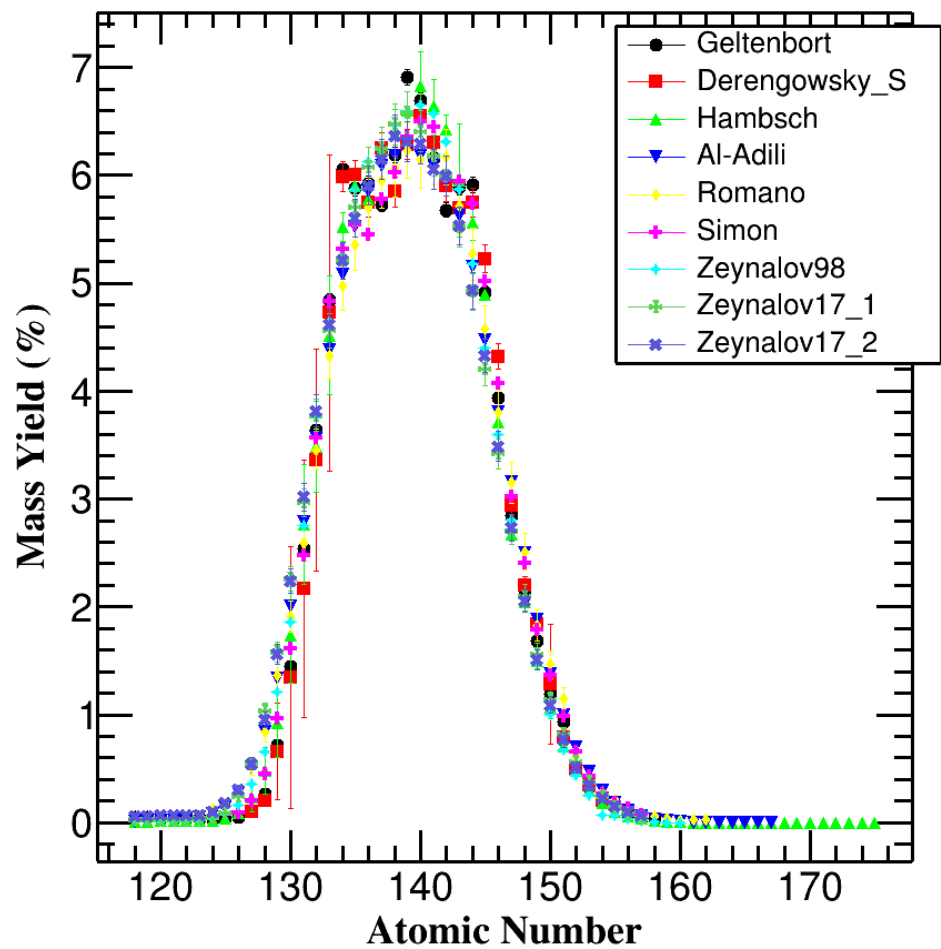


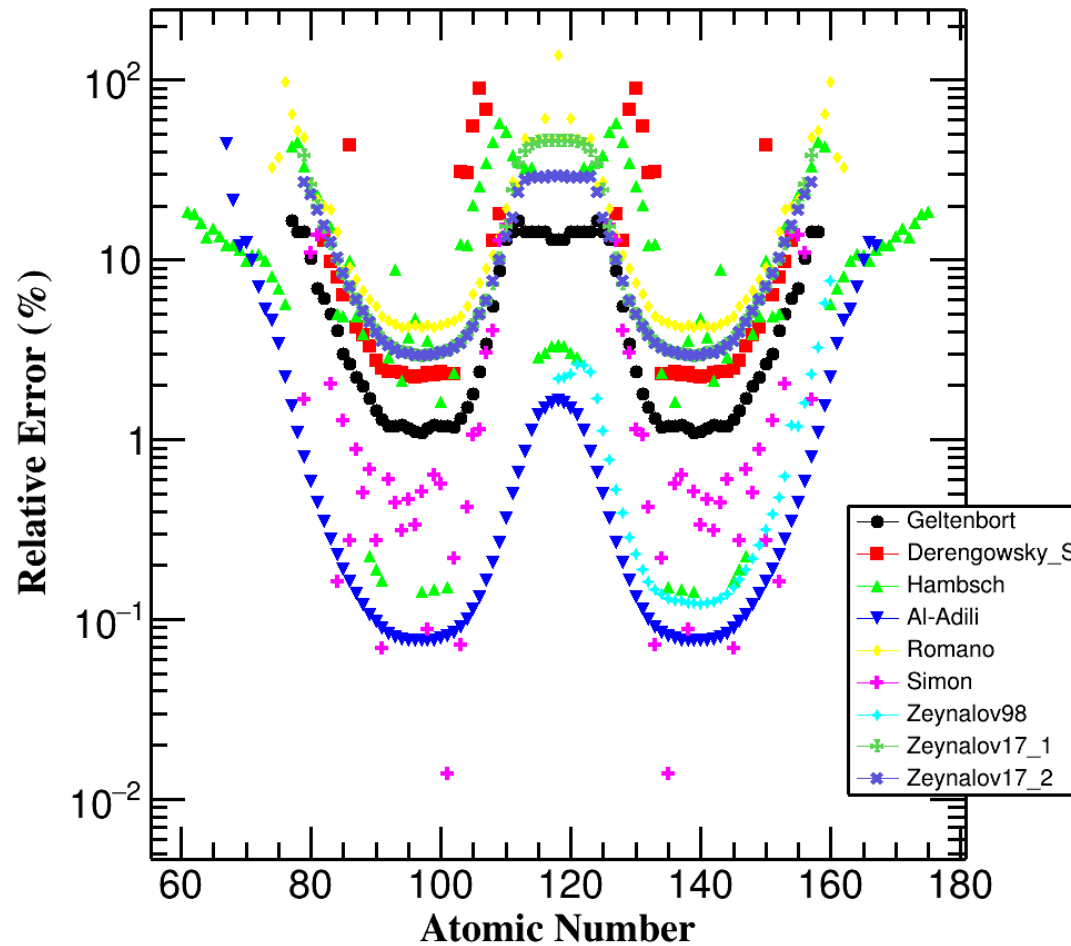
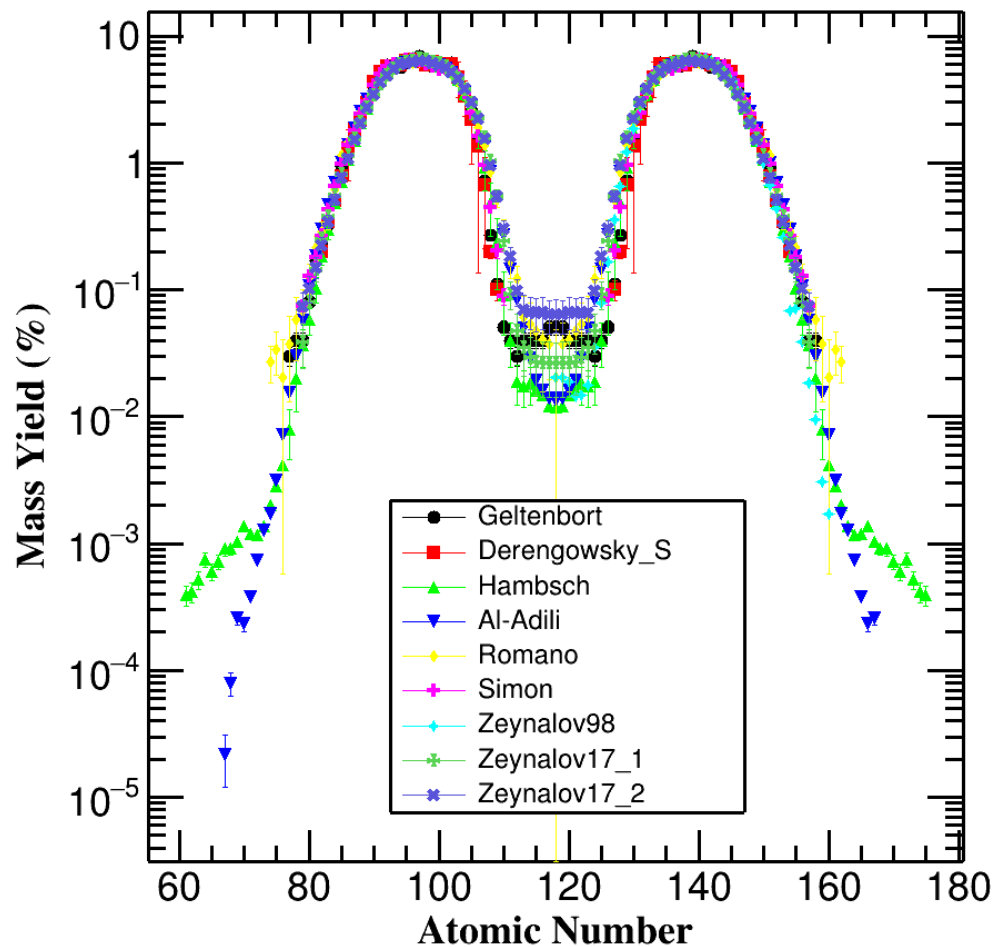
$^{235}\text{U}(n_{\text{th}}, f)$: From pre-n yields to post-n yields

$$Y_A = \sum_{\nu=0} Y_{A^*} \cdot P(\nu | A^*) \text{ with } A^* = A + \nu$$





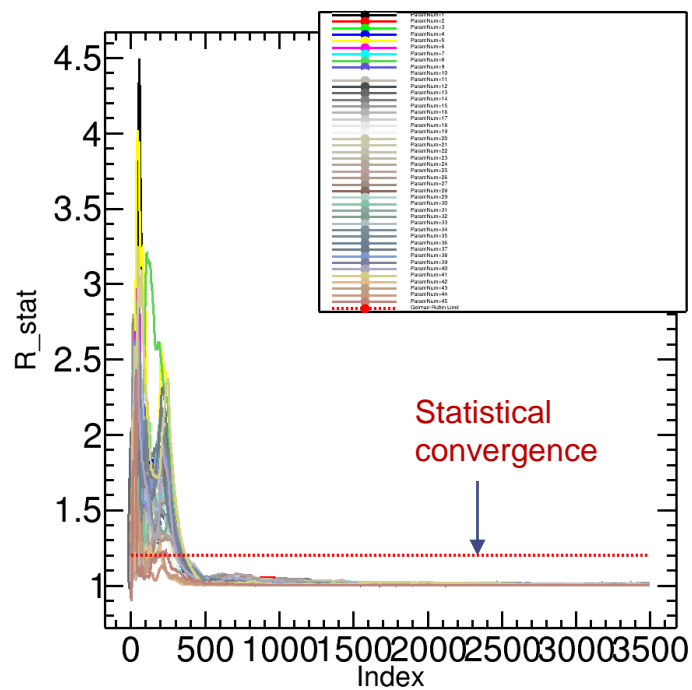
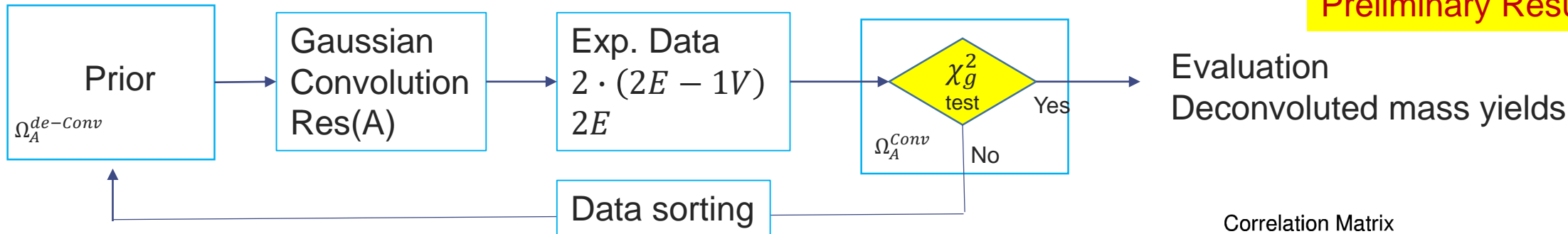




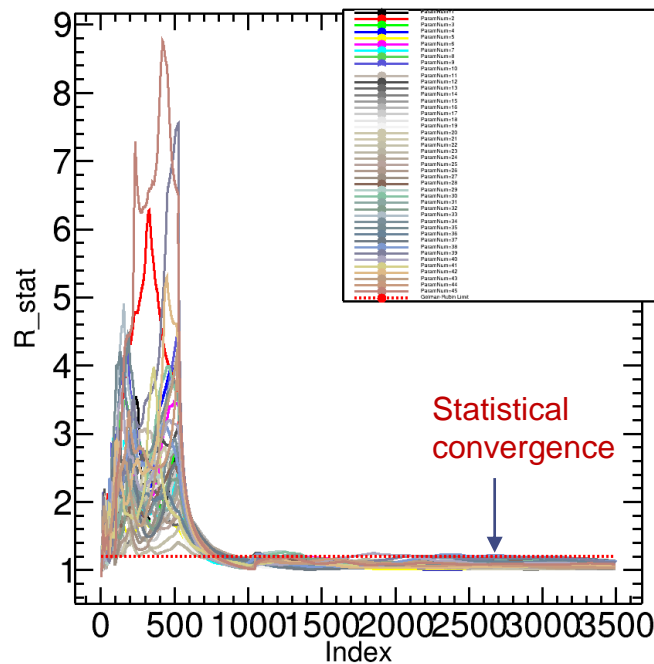
$^{235}\text{U}(n_{\text{th}},f)$: pre-n mass yield analysis \rightarrow MCMC method



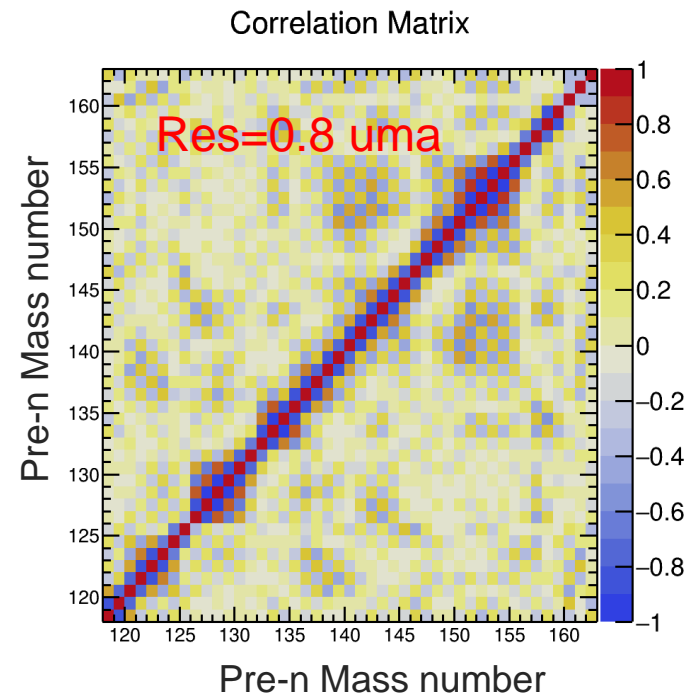
Preliminary Results

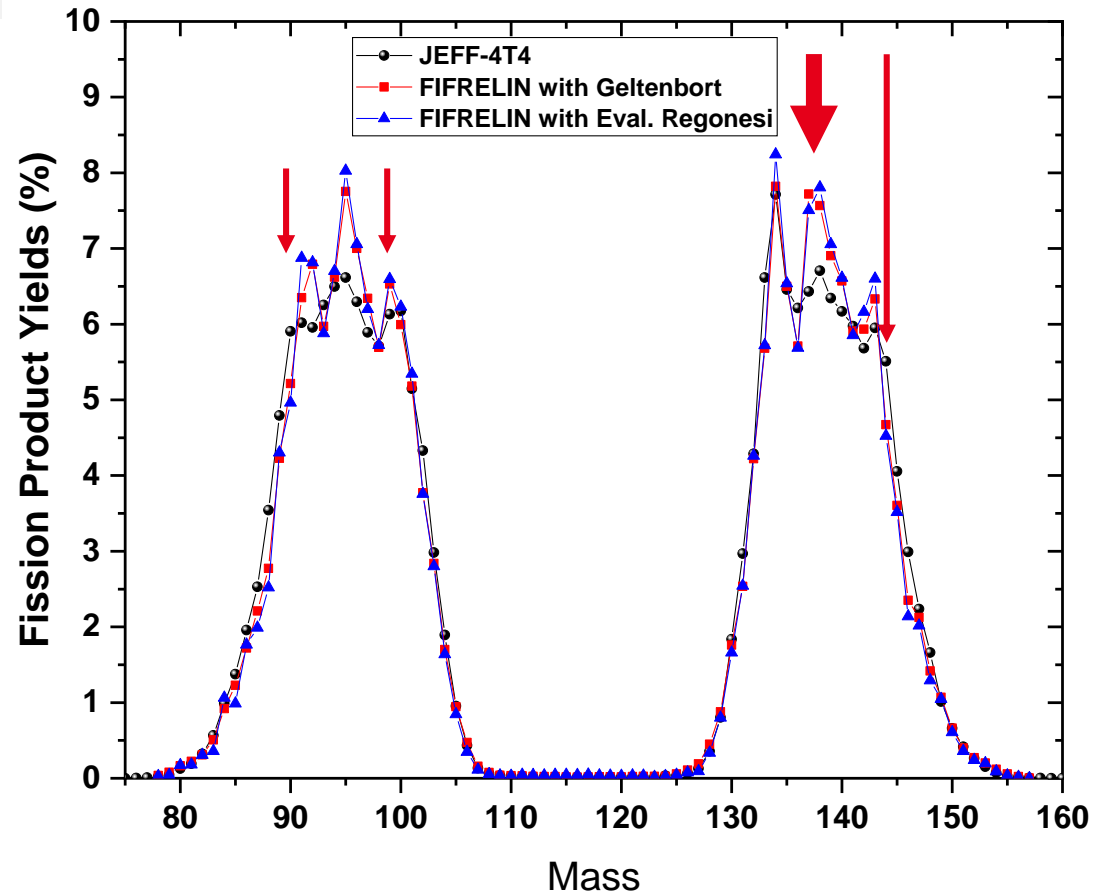
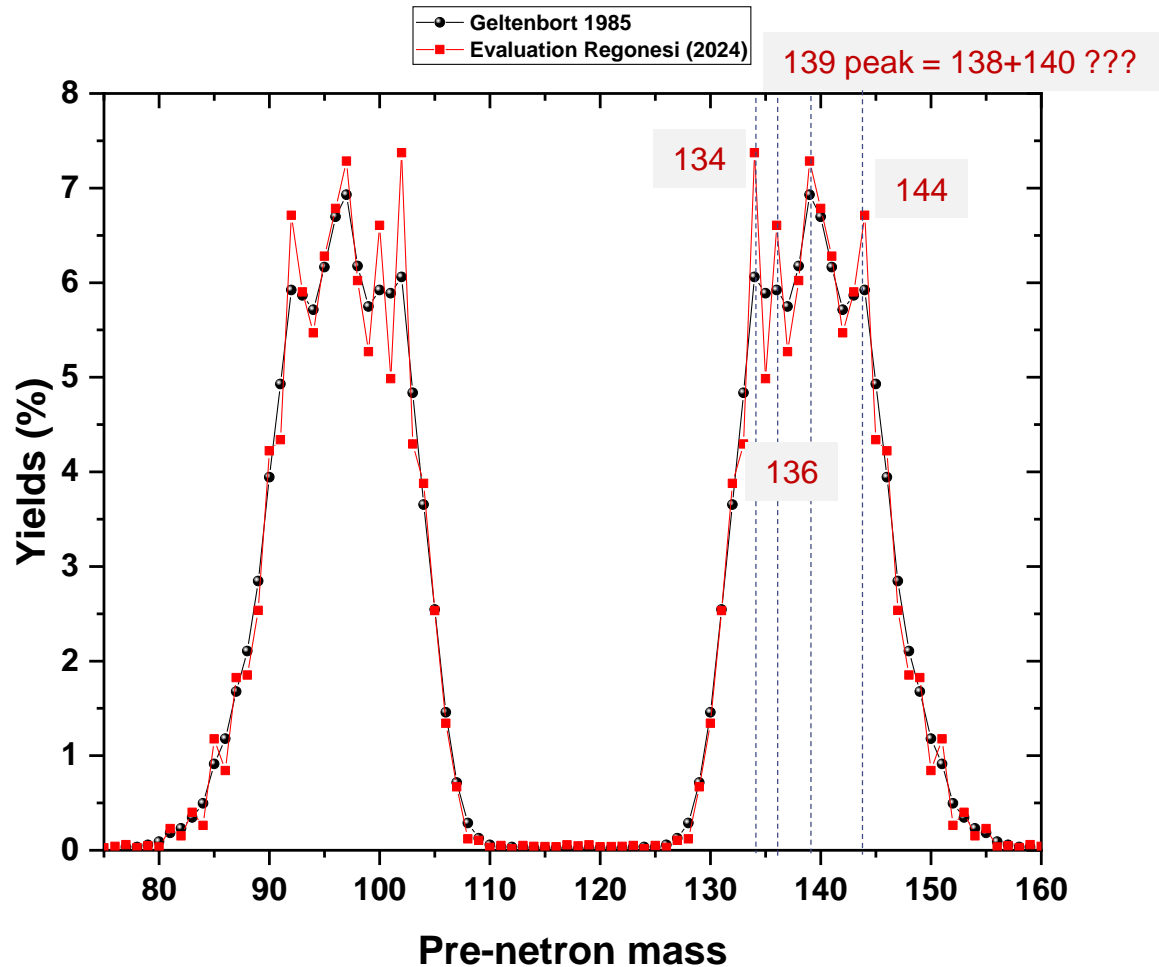


$2 \cdot (2E - 1V)$ Exp. Data



All Exp. Data



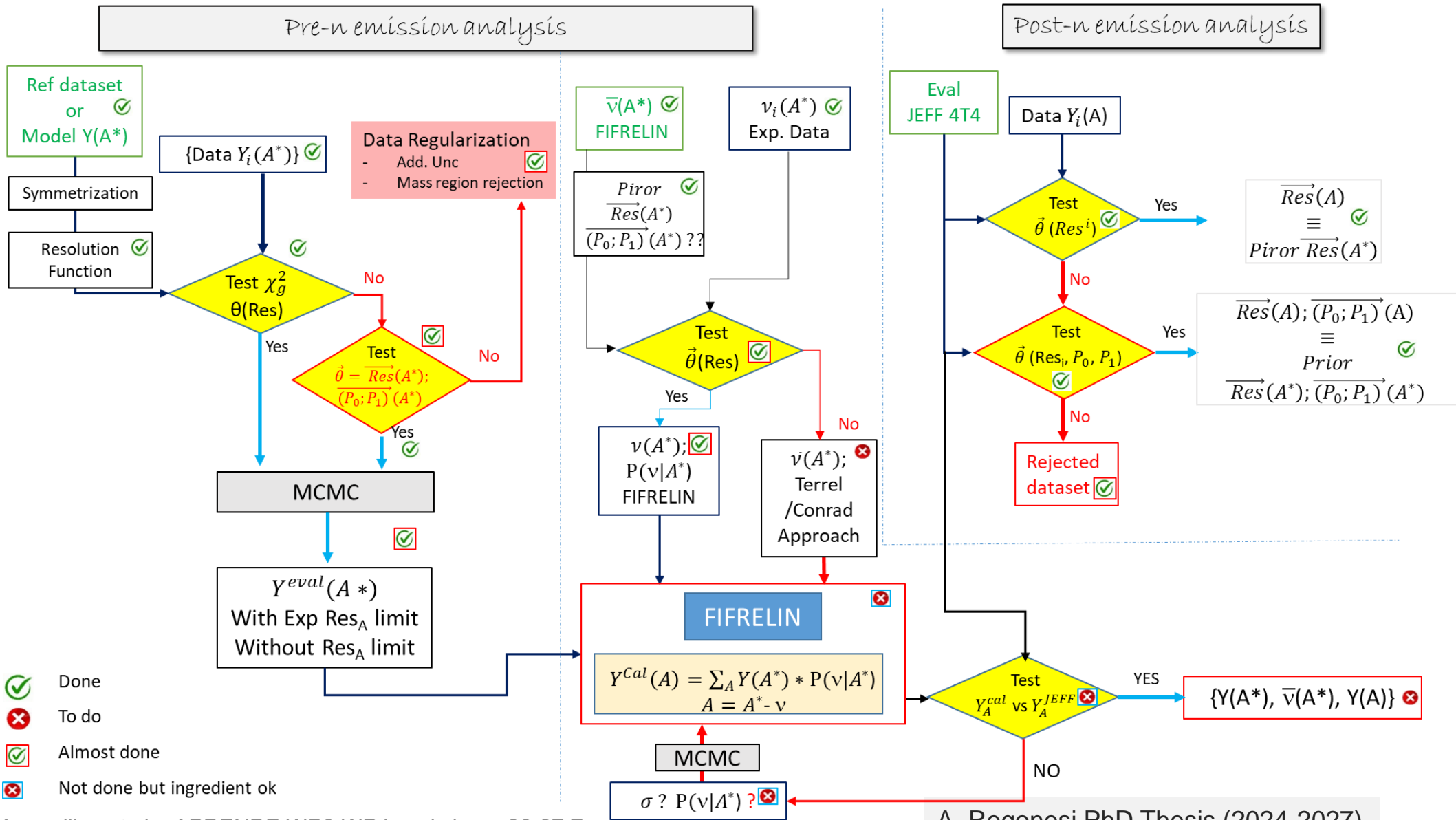


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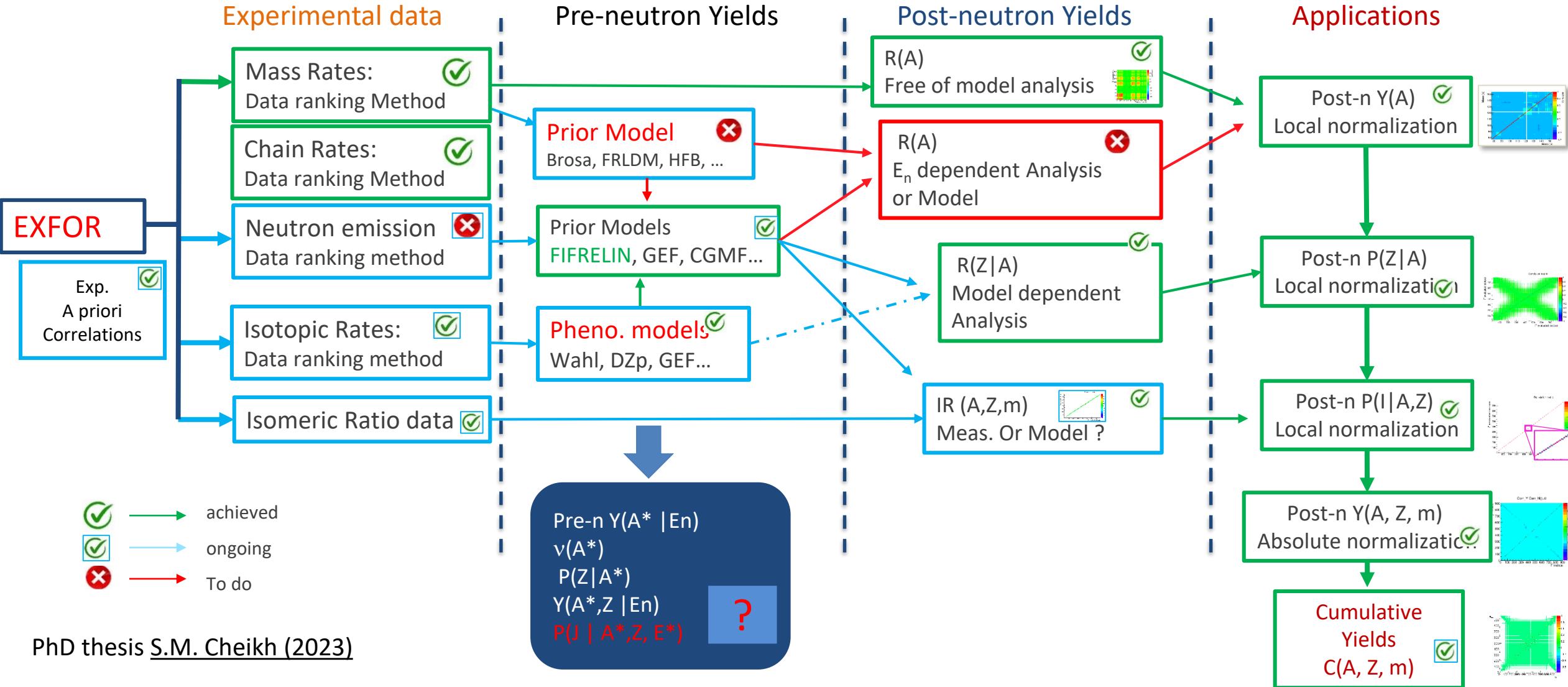
Conclusion and perspectives

- Consistent evaluation of Mass – Independent – Cumulative – Chain yields $^{233, 235}\text{U}(n_{\text{th}}, f)$ & $^{229, 241}\text{Pu}(n_{\text{th}}, f)$
- ^{235}U & ^{239}Pu FY ENDF files are available in JEFF-4T4 Library
- ^{233}U & ^{241}Pu FY ENDF files should be available in February 2025
- **Tractability** of the selected and used **data** is available
 - **reinterpretation of EXP data with correlation matrix** : **must be preserved for the future !**
- PhD thesis @ Cadarache (A. Regonesi 2024-2027) is ongoing :
 - Pre-n yield evaluation
 - prompt neutron emission evaluation per mass evaluation
 - **neutron energy dependent fission yield** studies : ^{235}U , ^{238}U ...

} Combined analysis to post-n evaluation
- Middle term perspectives correspond to the use of the **new Charge distribution per mass** with the correlation matrix from the Direct-Zp model based on pre-neutron parameters (replacing the Wahl Systematics)
 - Results from Sidi. M. Cheikh Thesis → JEFF-4.1
 - New PhD project (2025-2028) on P(Z|A) and cumulative yields should be start.



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PhD thesis [S.M. Cheikh \(2023\)](#)

Test of fission models

Reactivity losses, PIE ...

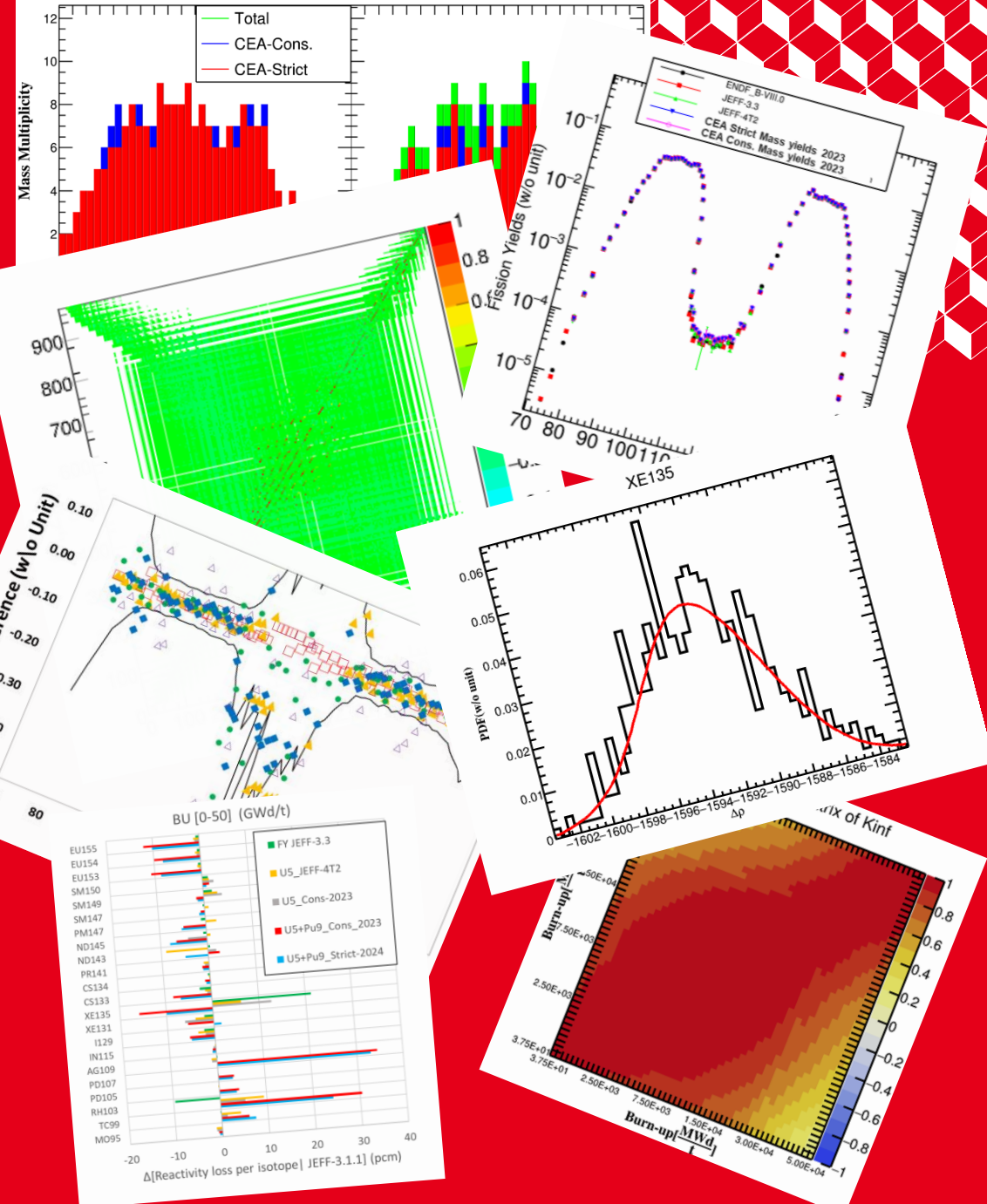


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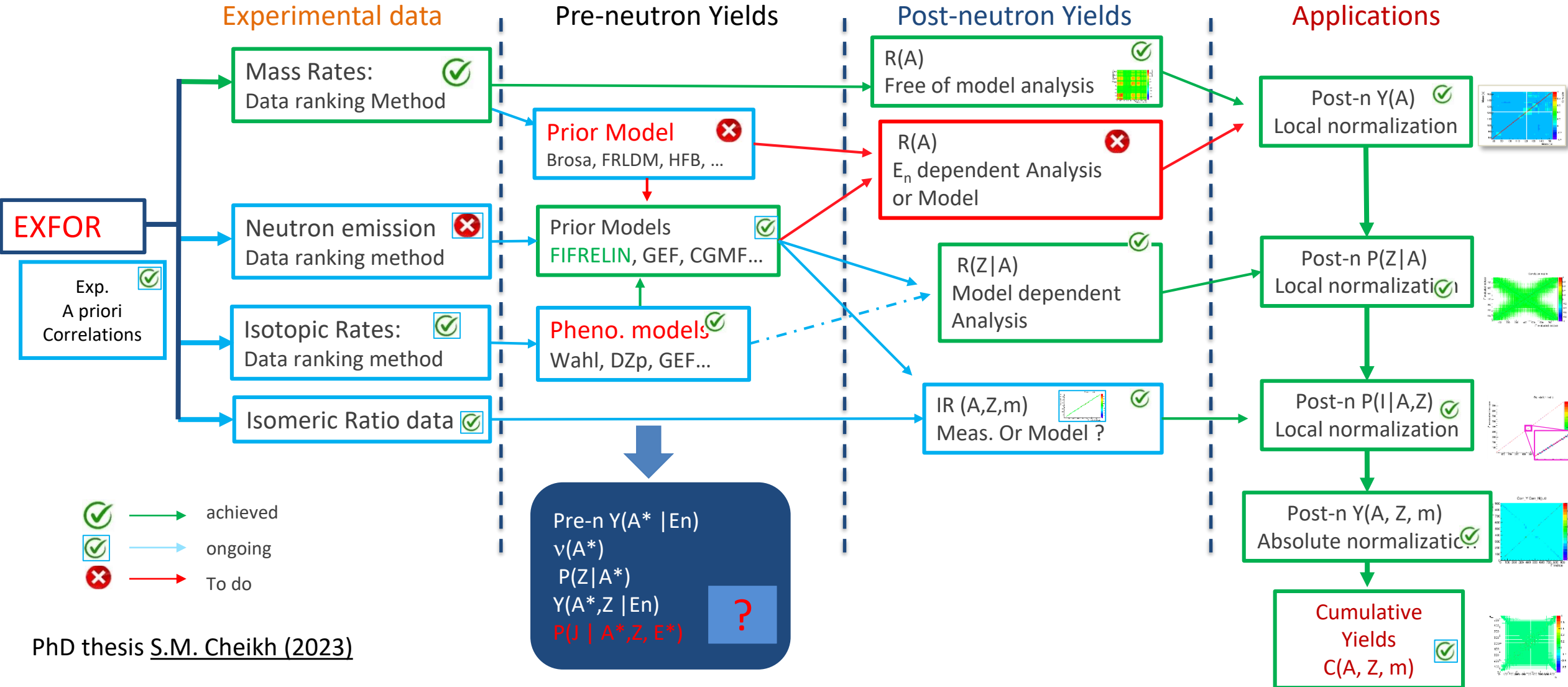
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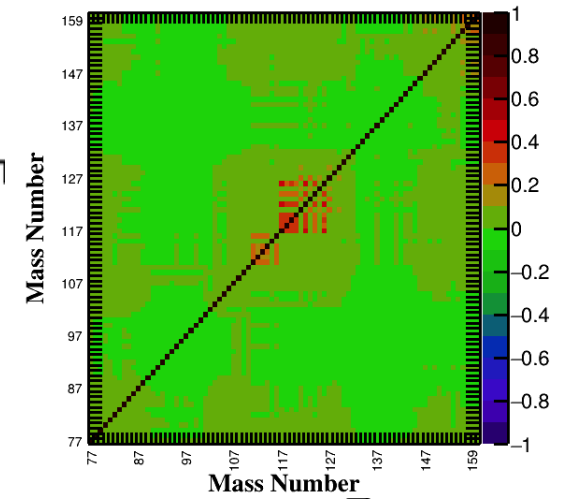
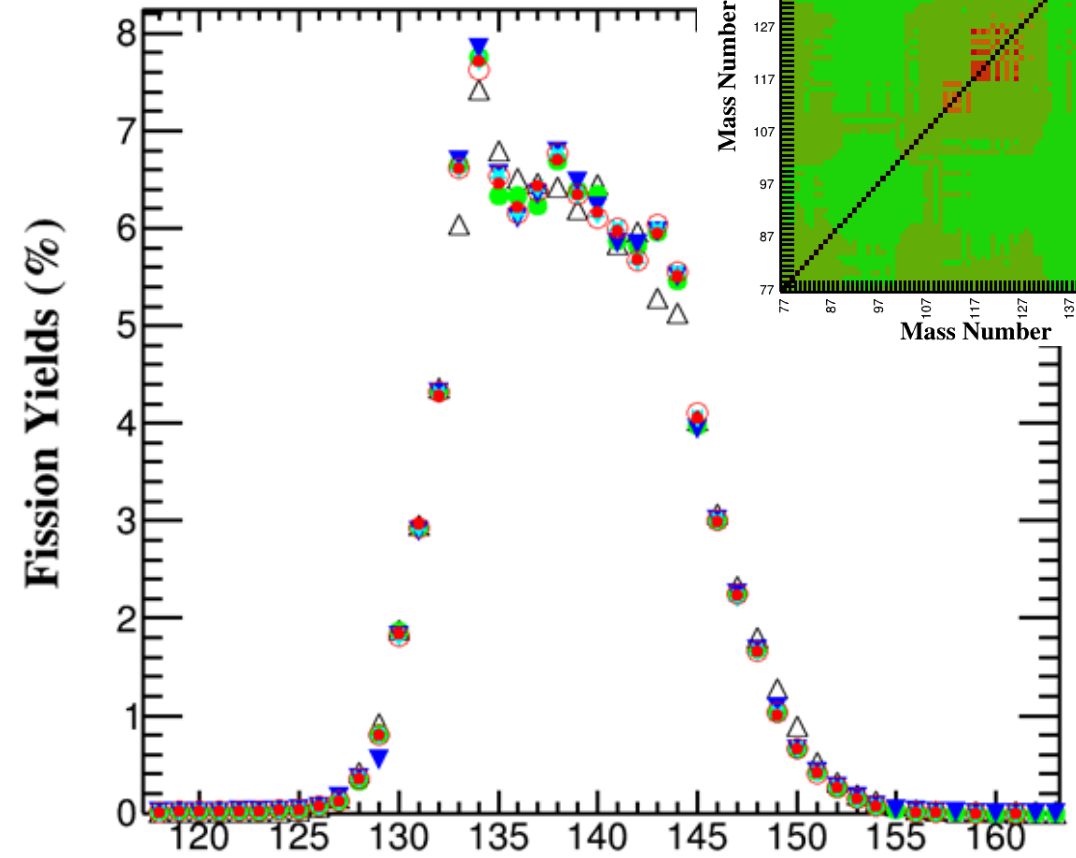
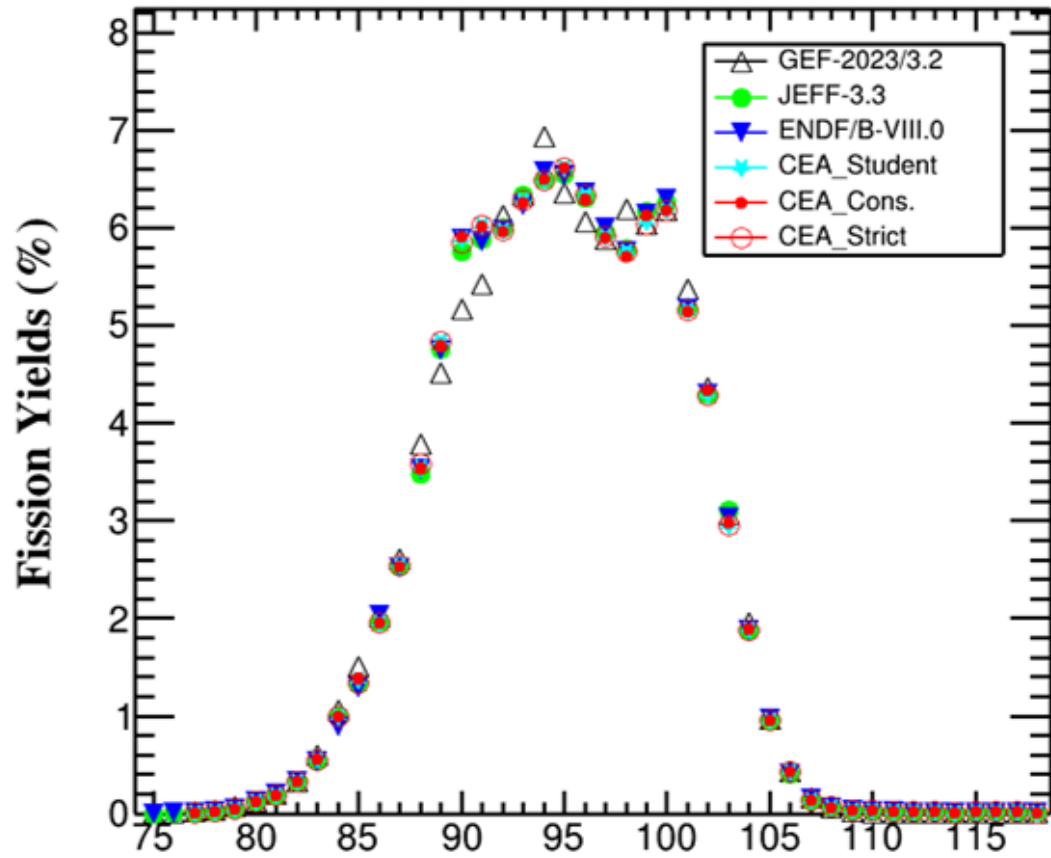
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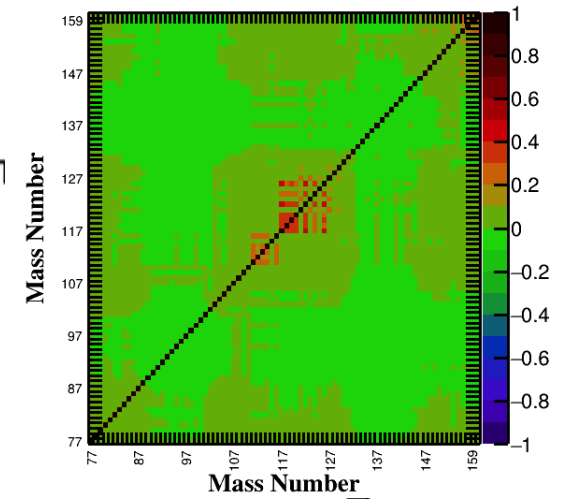
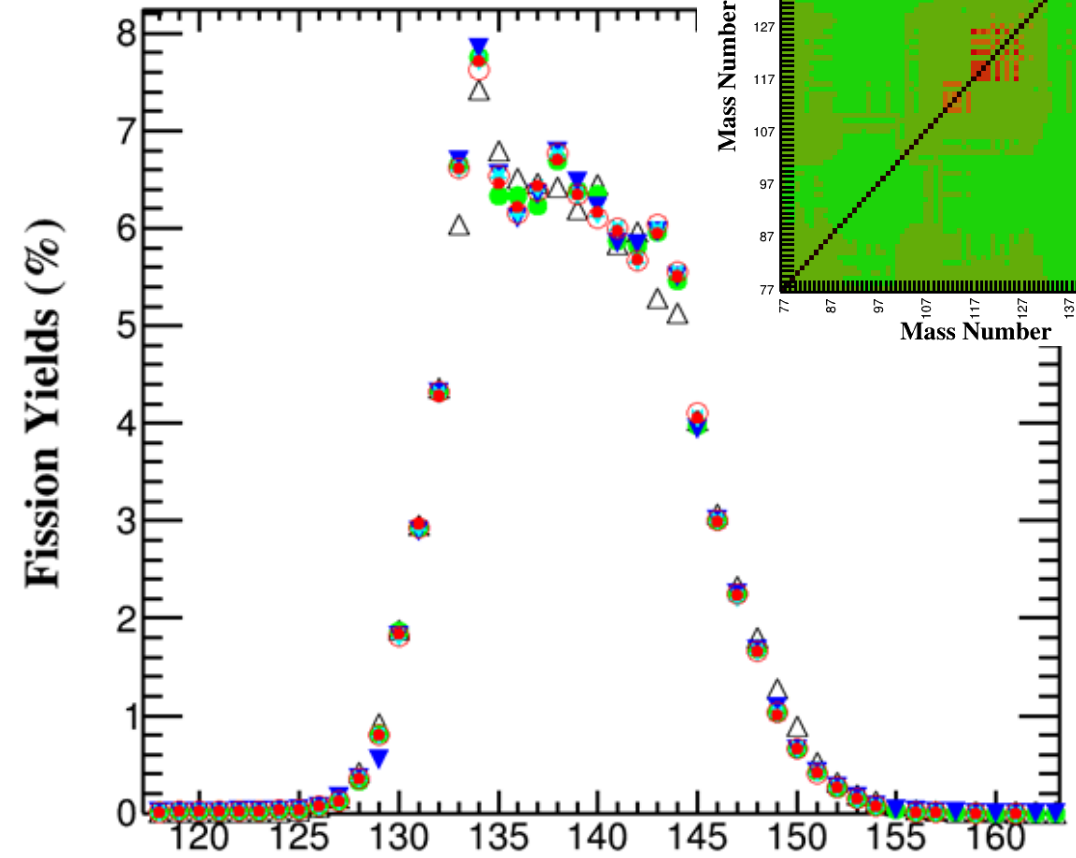
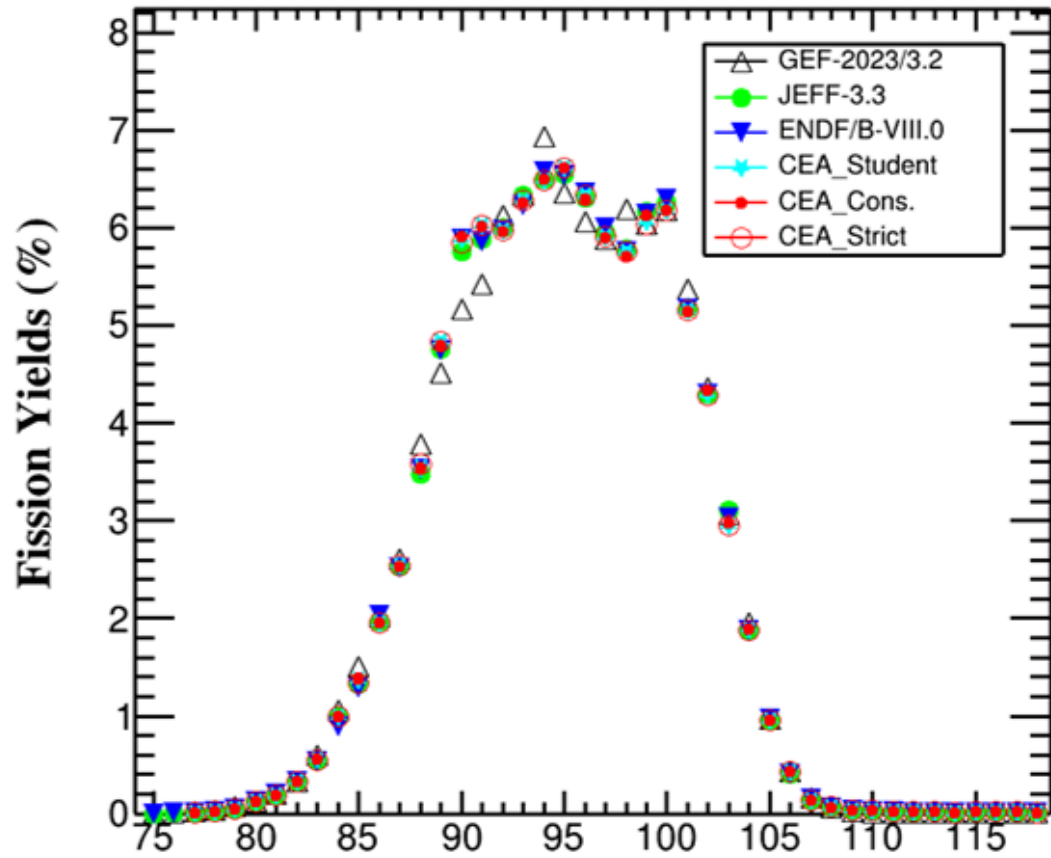
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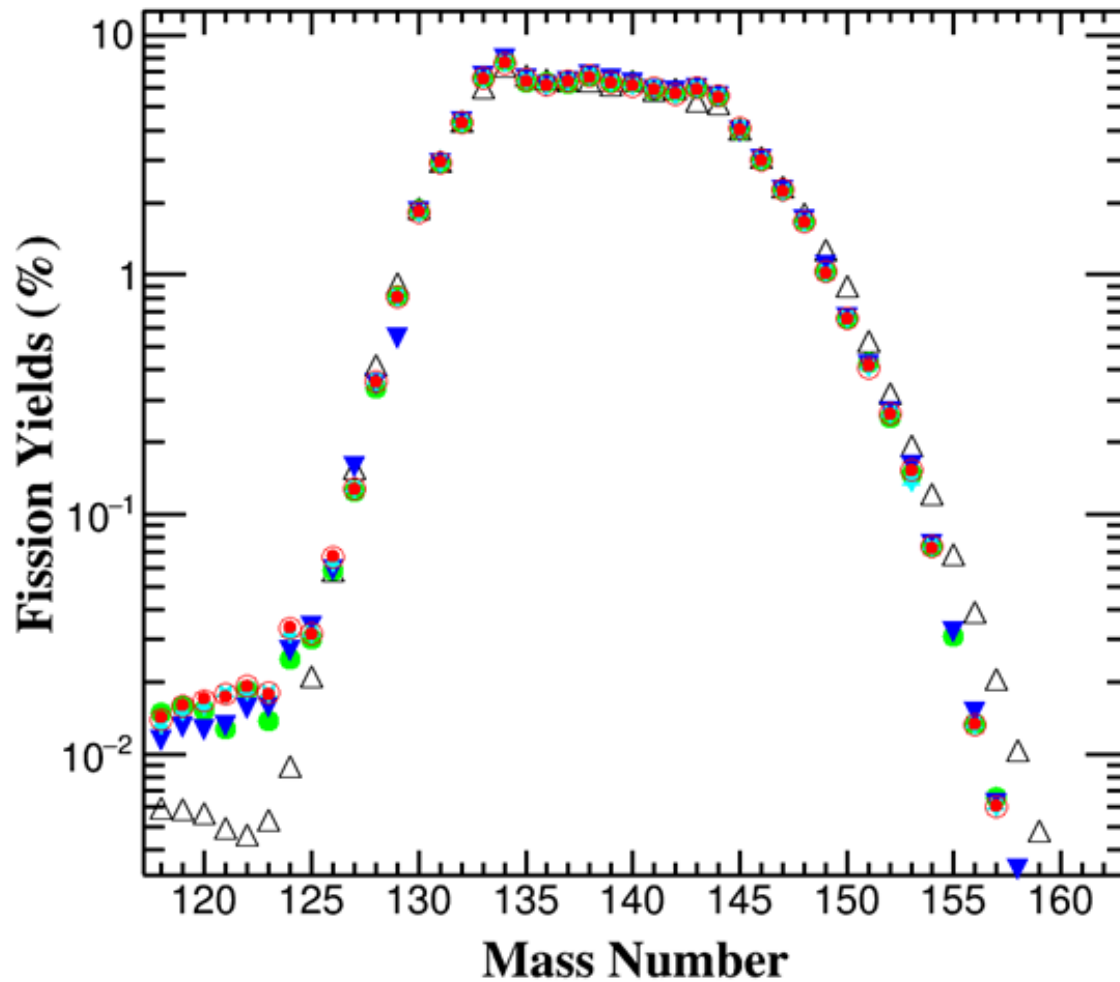
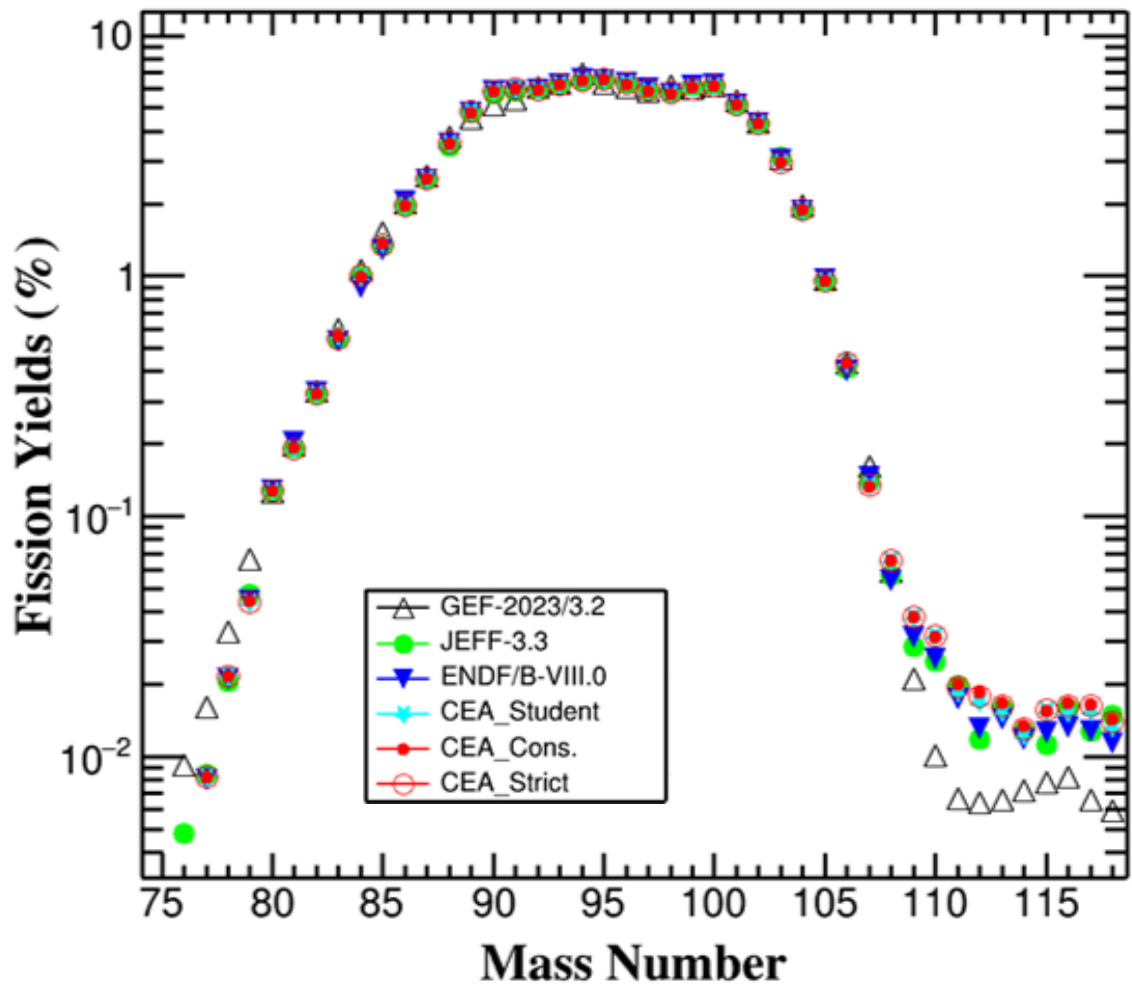
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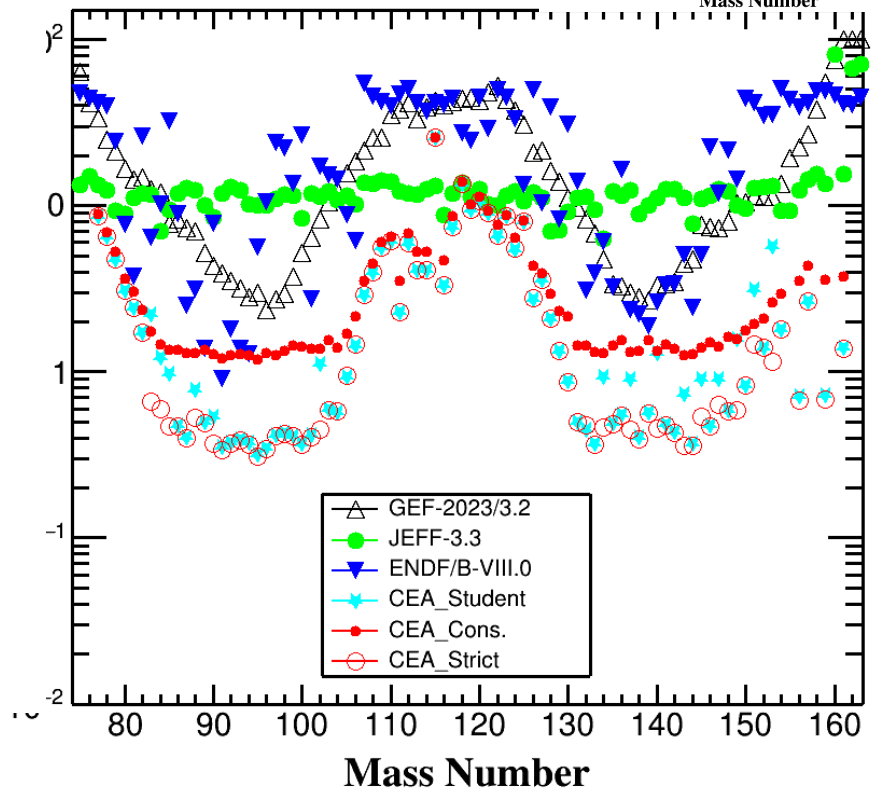
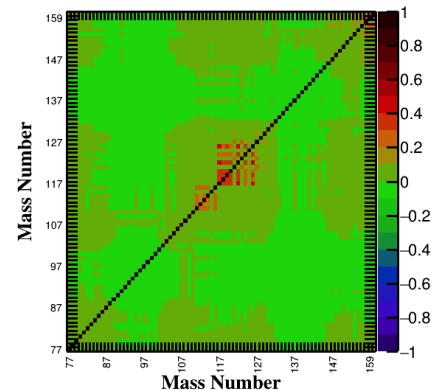
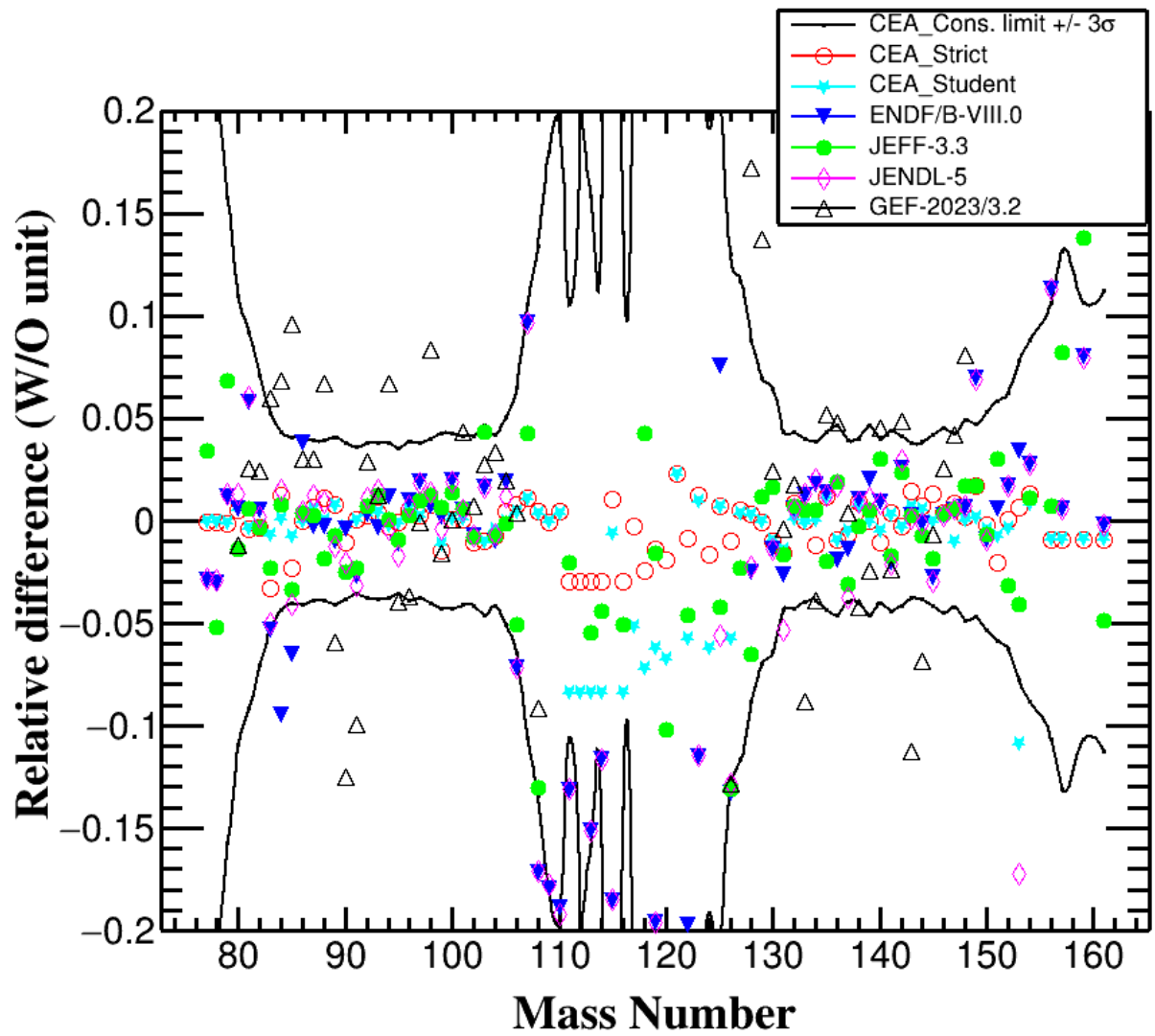
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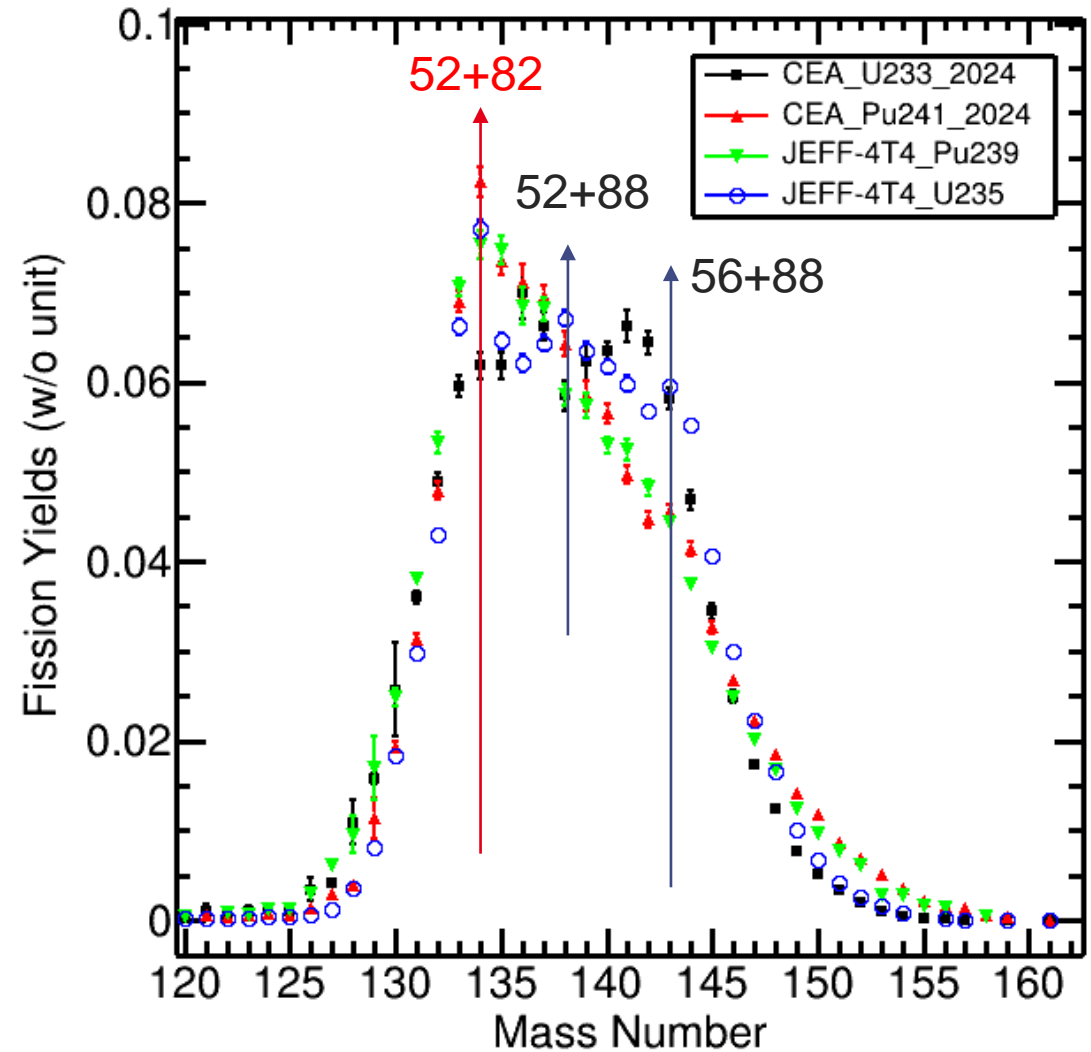
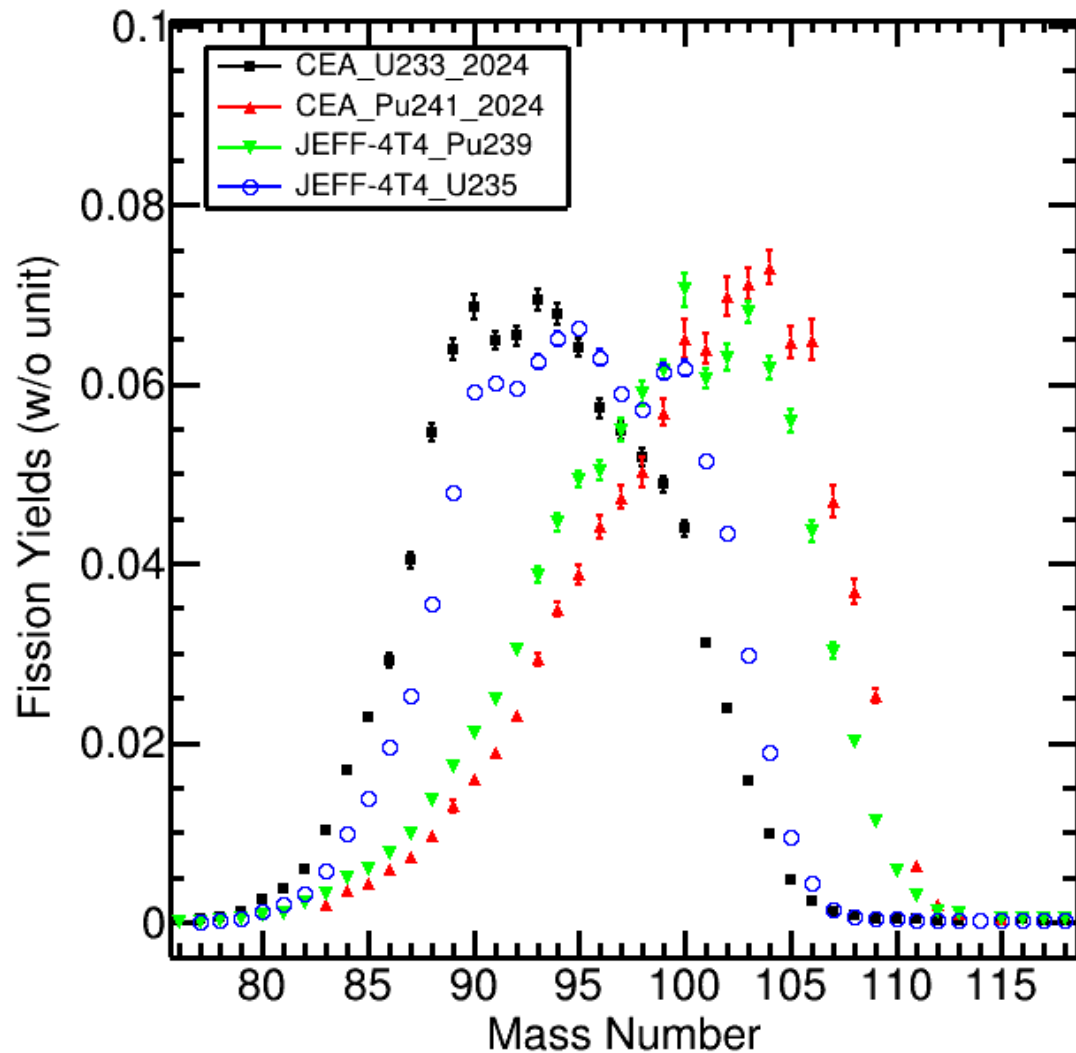


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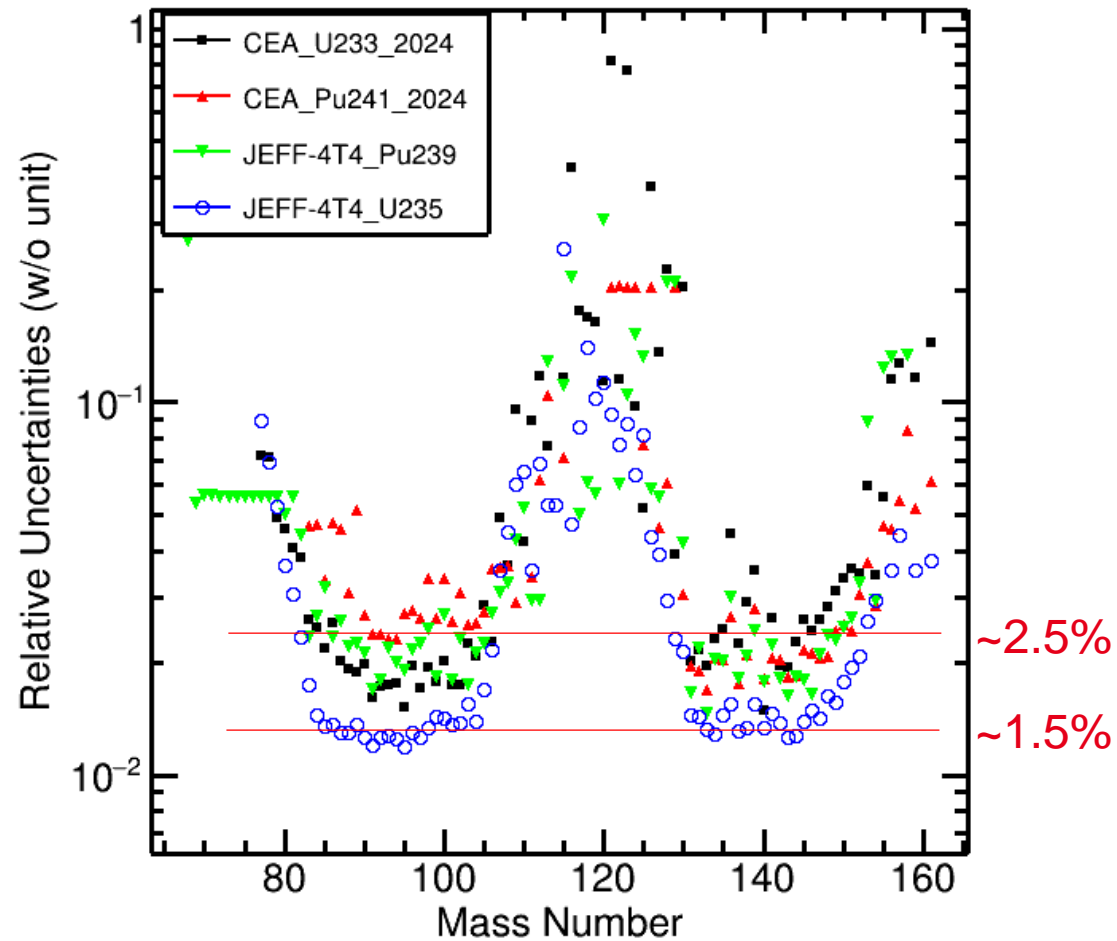
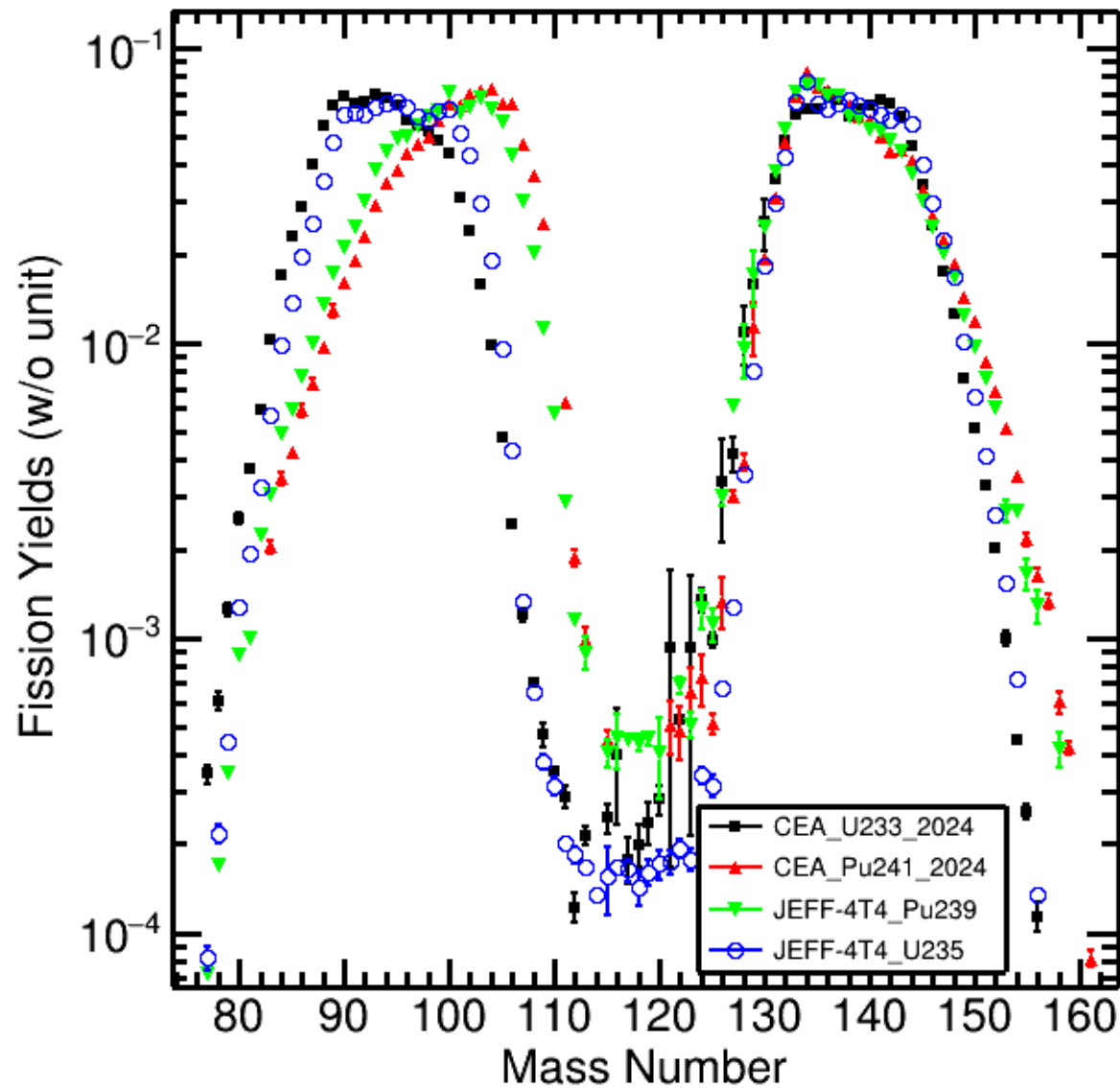
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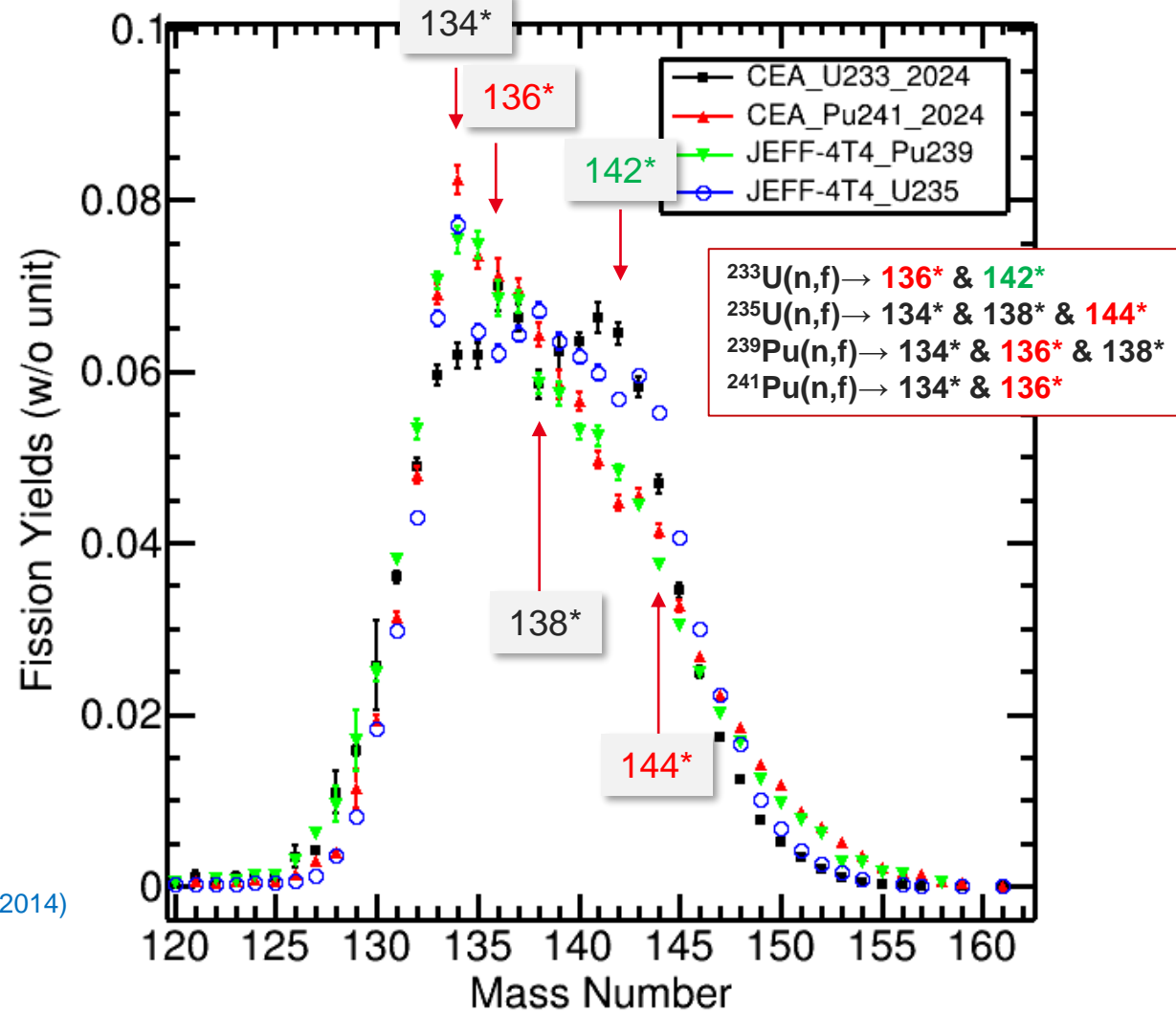
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			236U*		240Pu*		242Pu*	
			A,Z		A,Z		A,Z	
	Z*	N*	A_H*	Z_L A_L*	Z_L A_L*	Z_L A_L*	Z_L A_L*	Z_L A_L*
spheric	50	82	132	42 104	44 108	44 108	44 110	44 110
oct/sph	52	82	134	40 102	42 106	42 106	42 108	42 108
oct			136	40 100	42 104	42 104	42 106	42 106
Quad			138	42 98	44 102	44 102	44 104	44 104
Oct/sph			138	36 98	38 102	38 102	38 104	38 104
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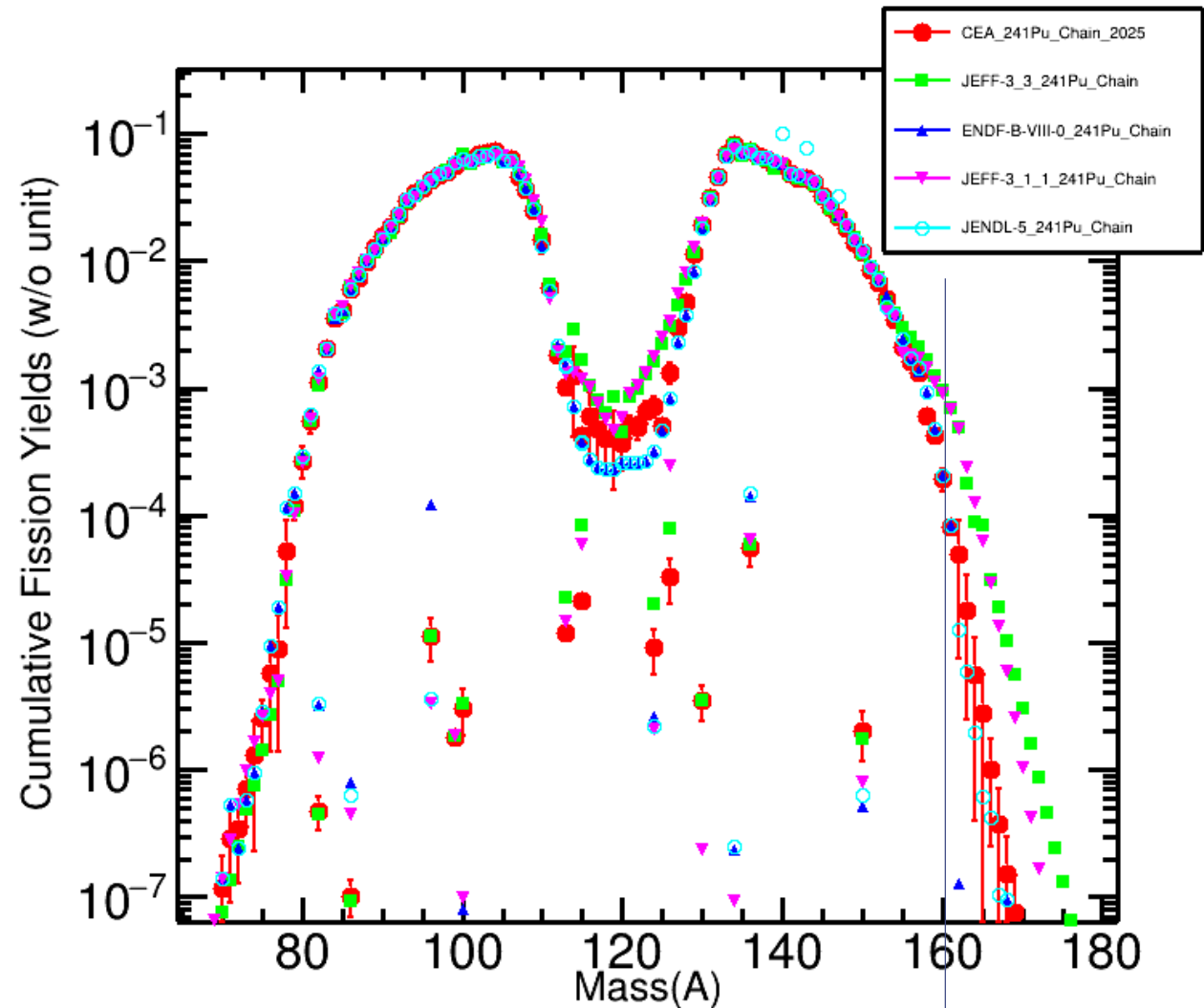
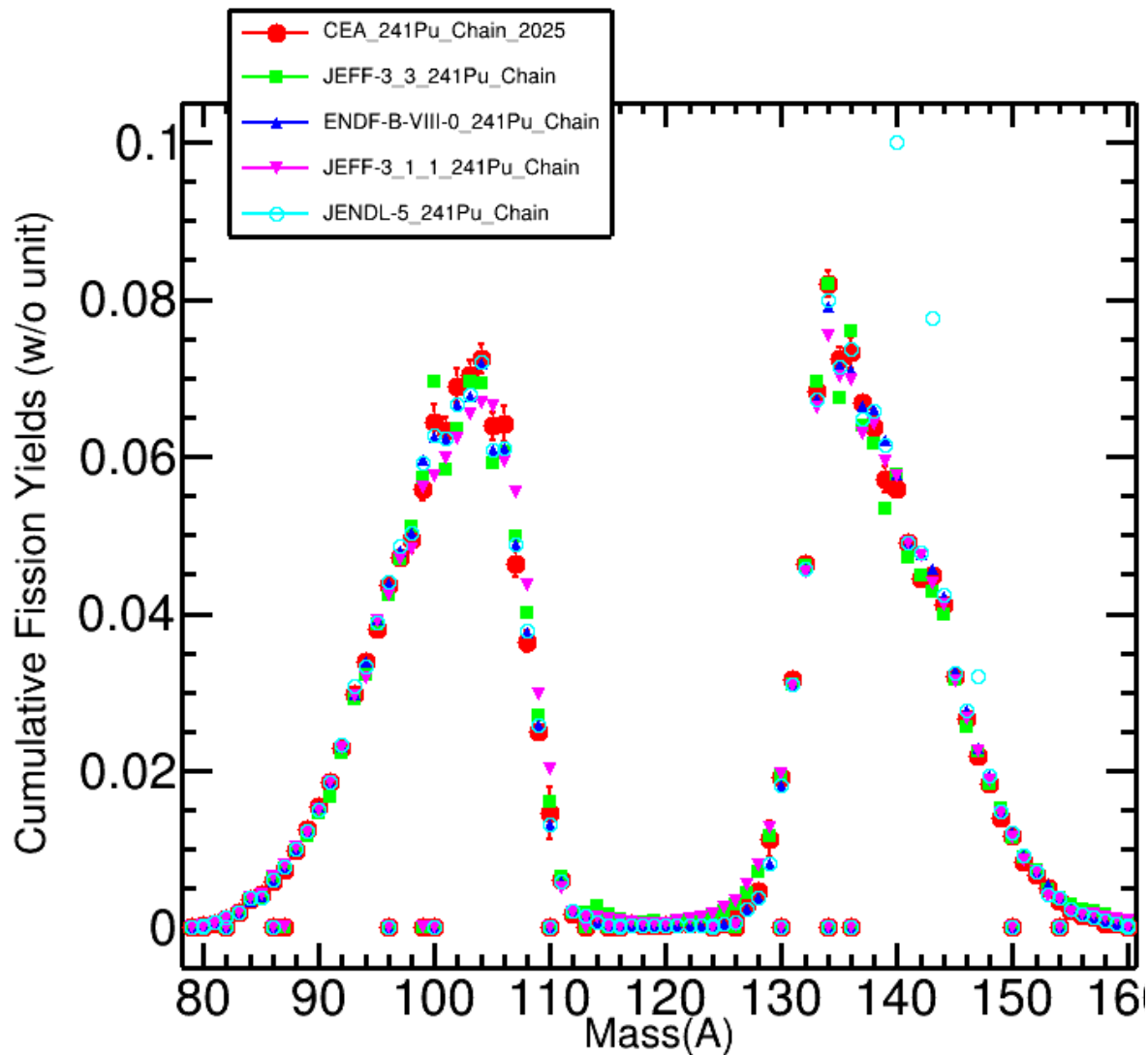
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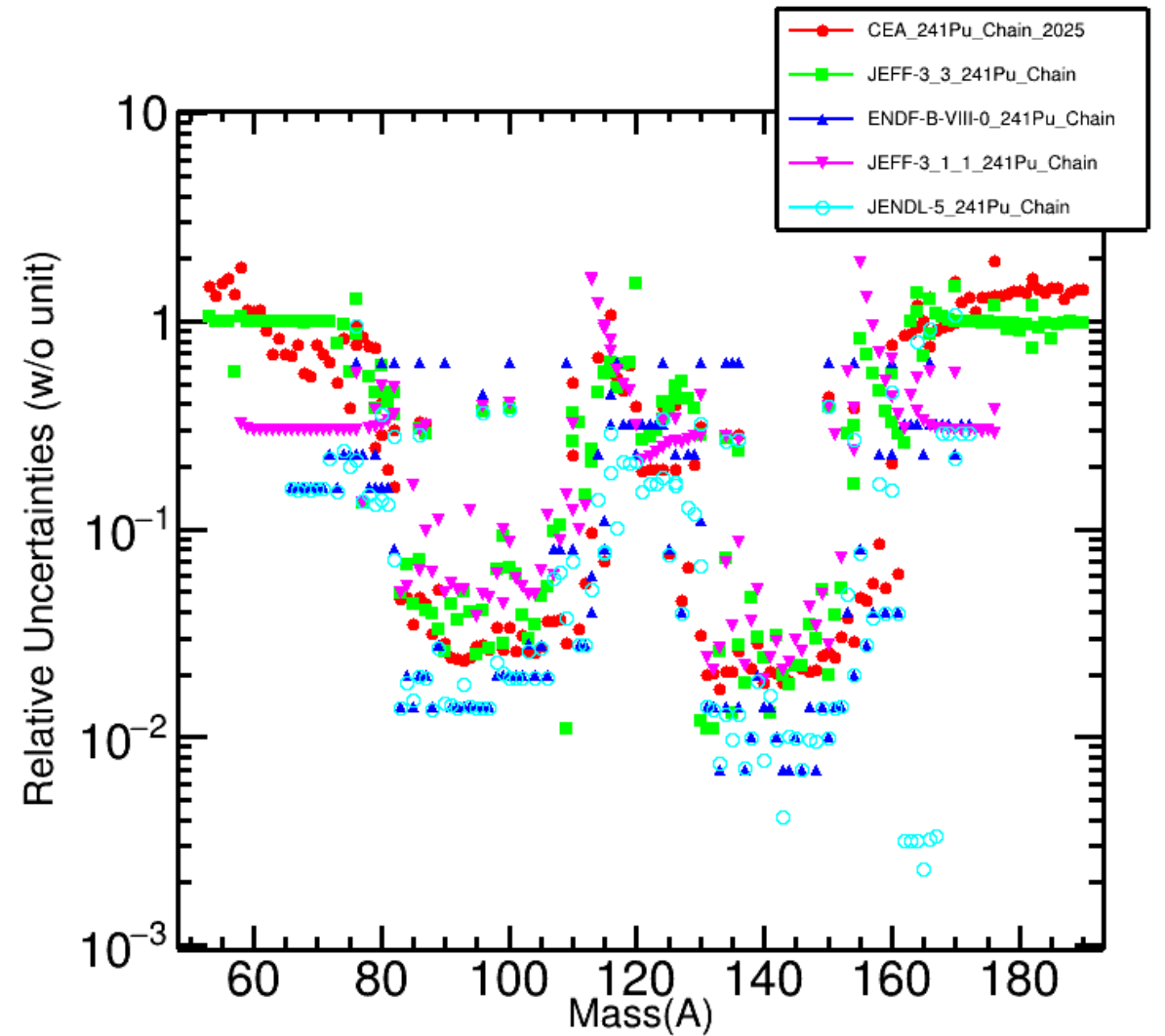
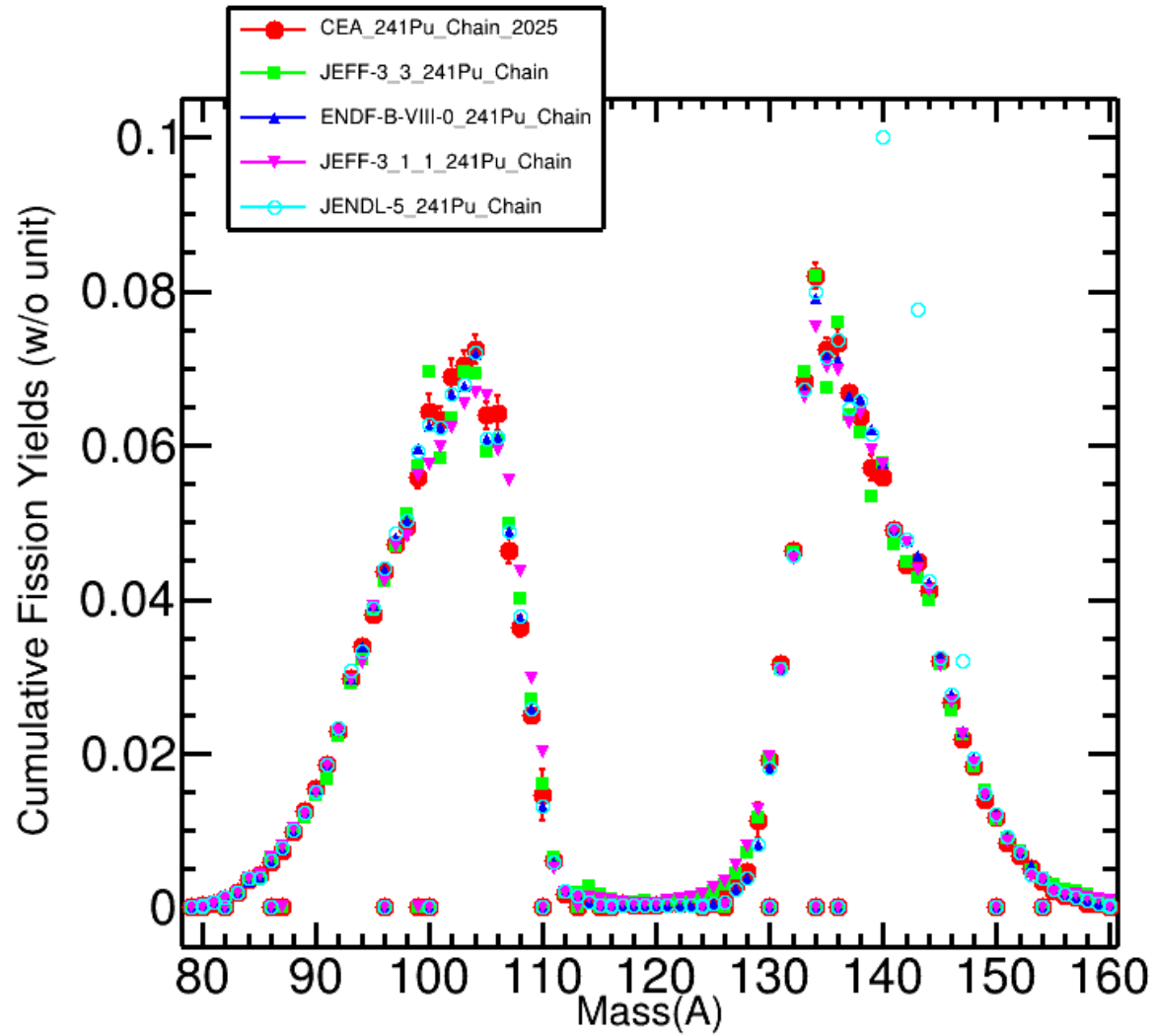
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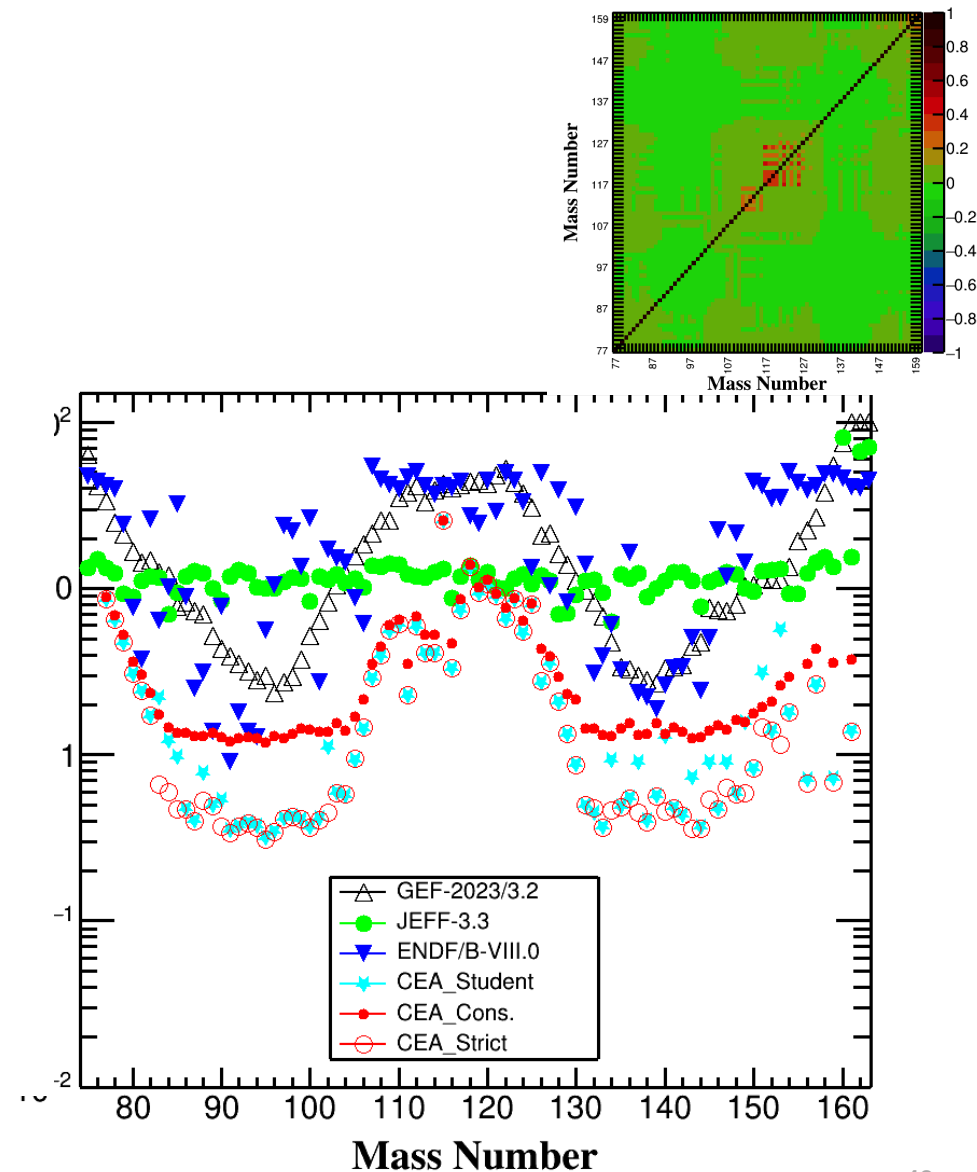
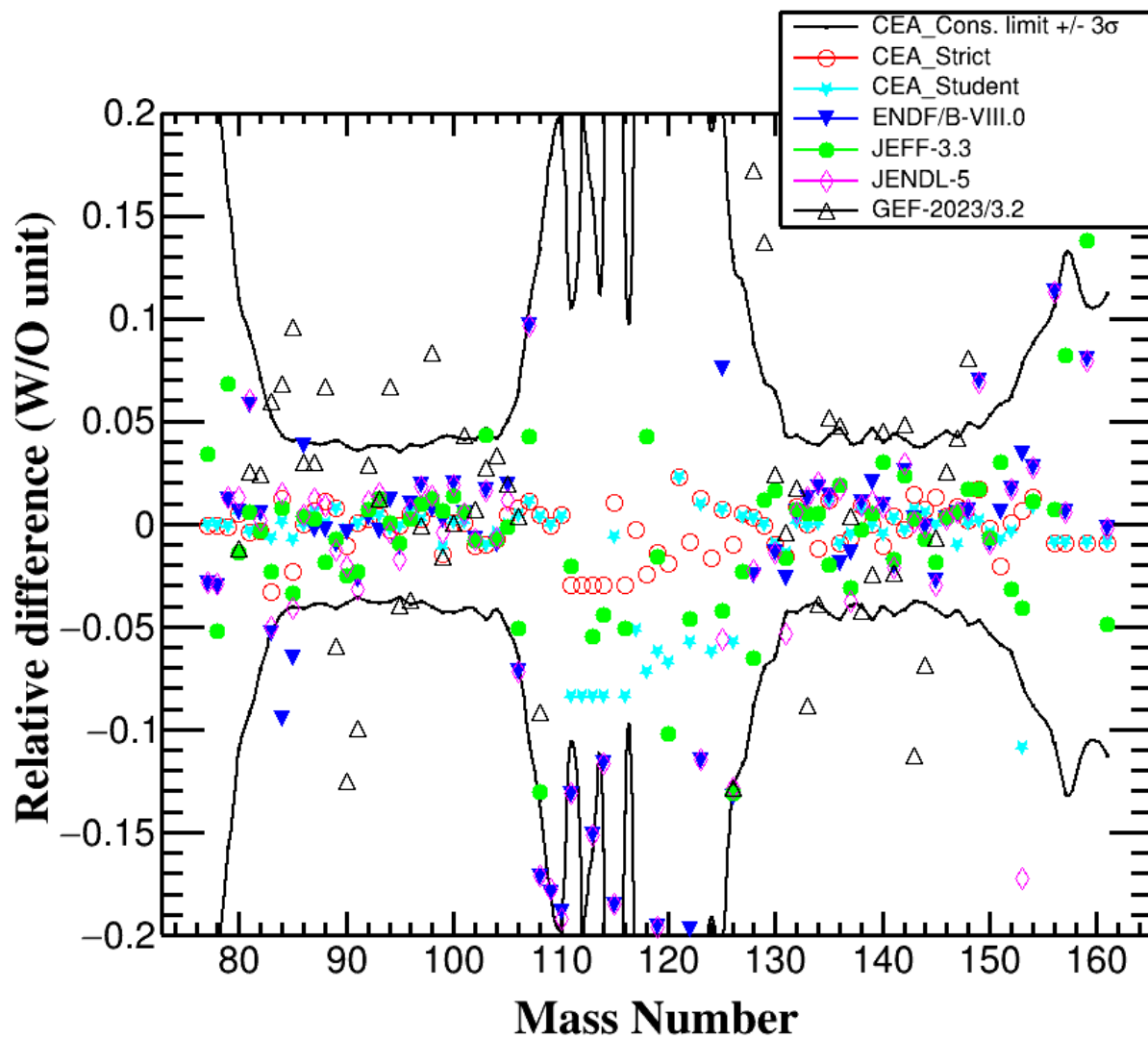
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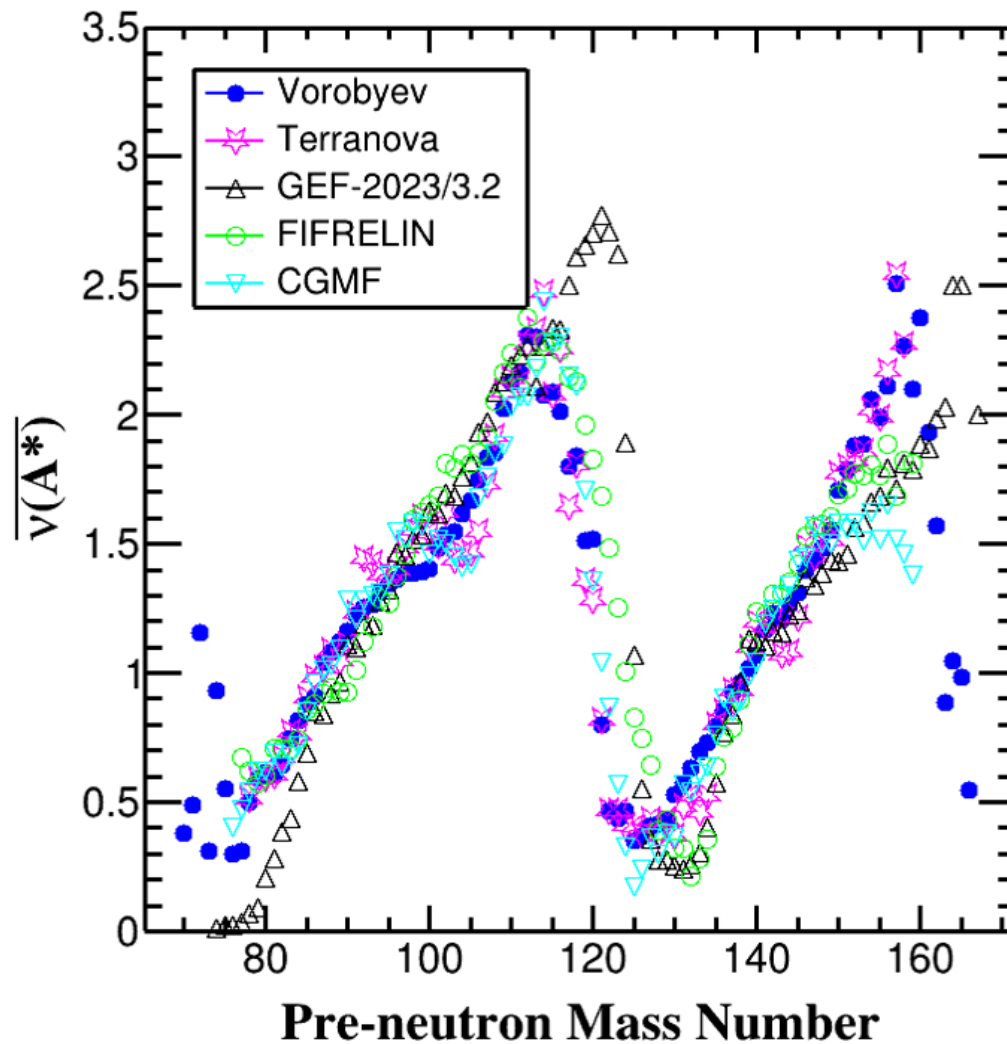
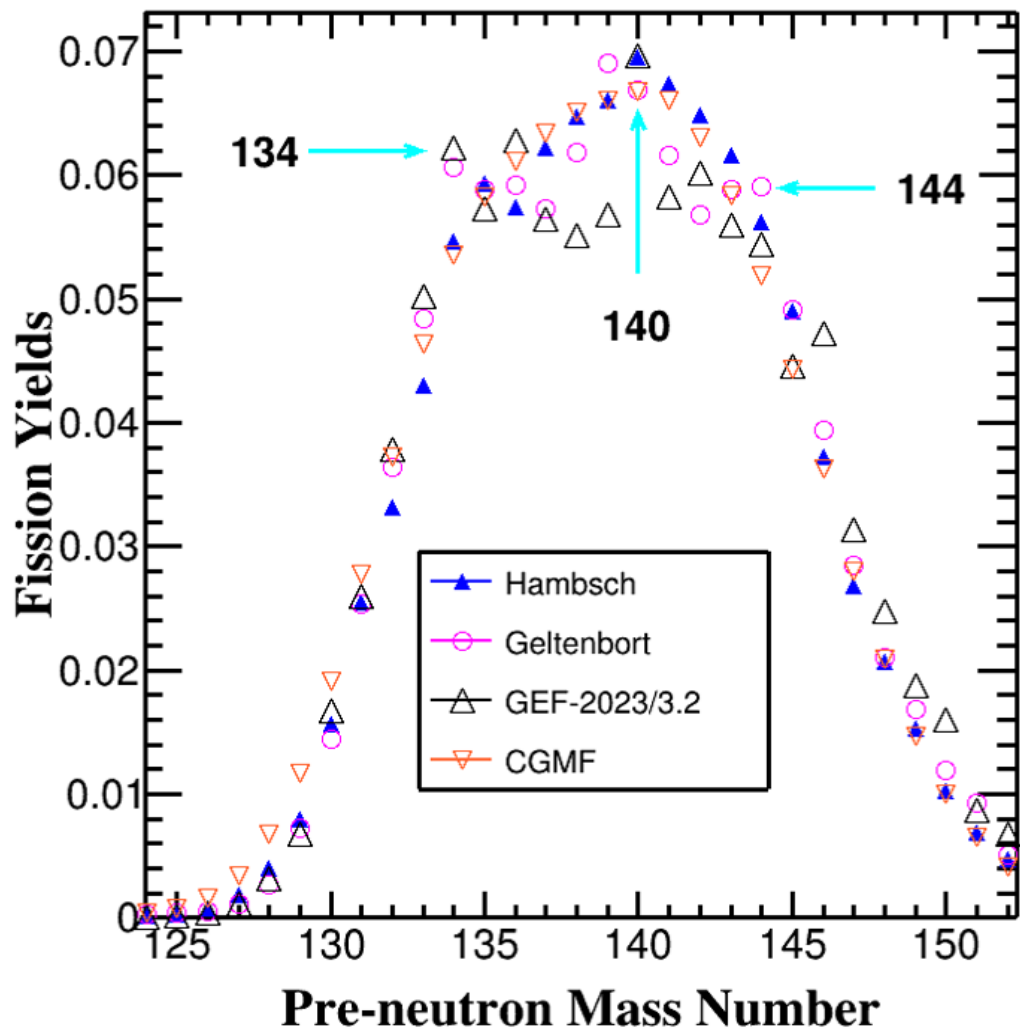


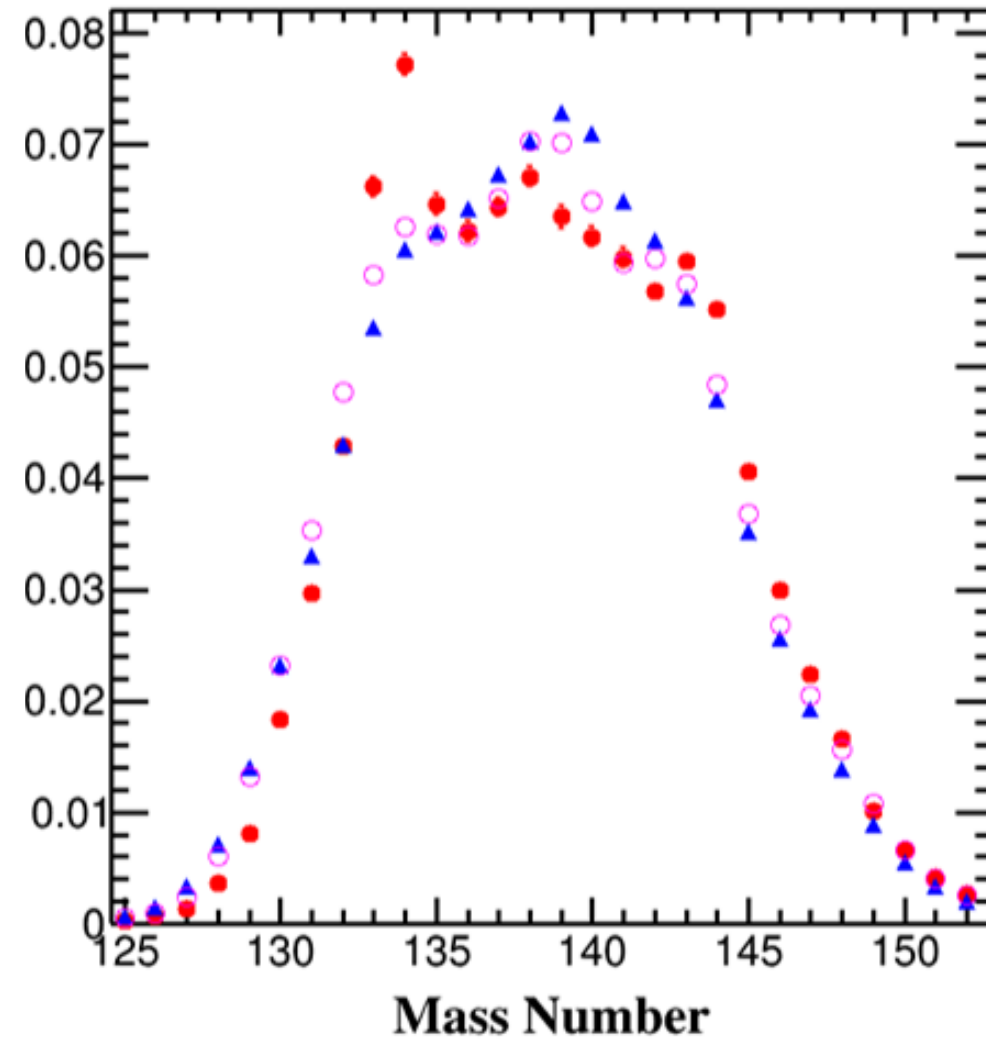
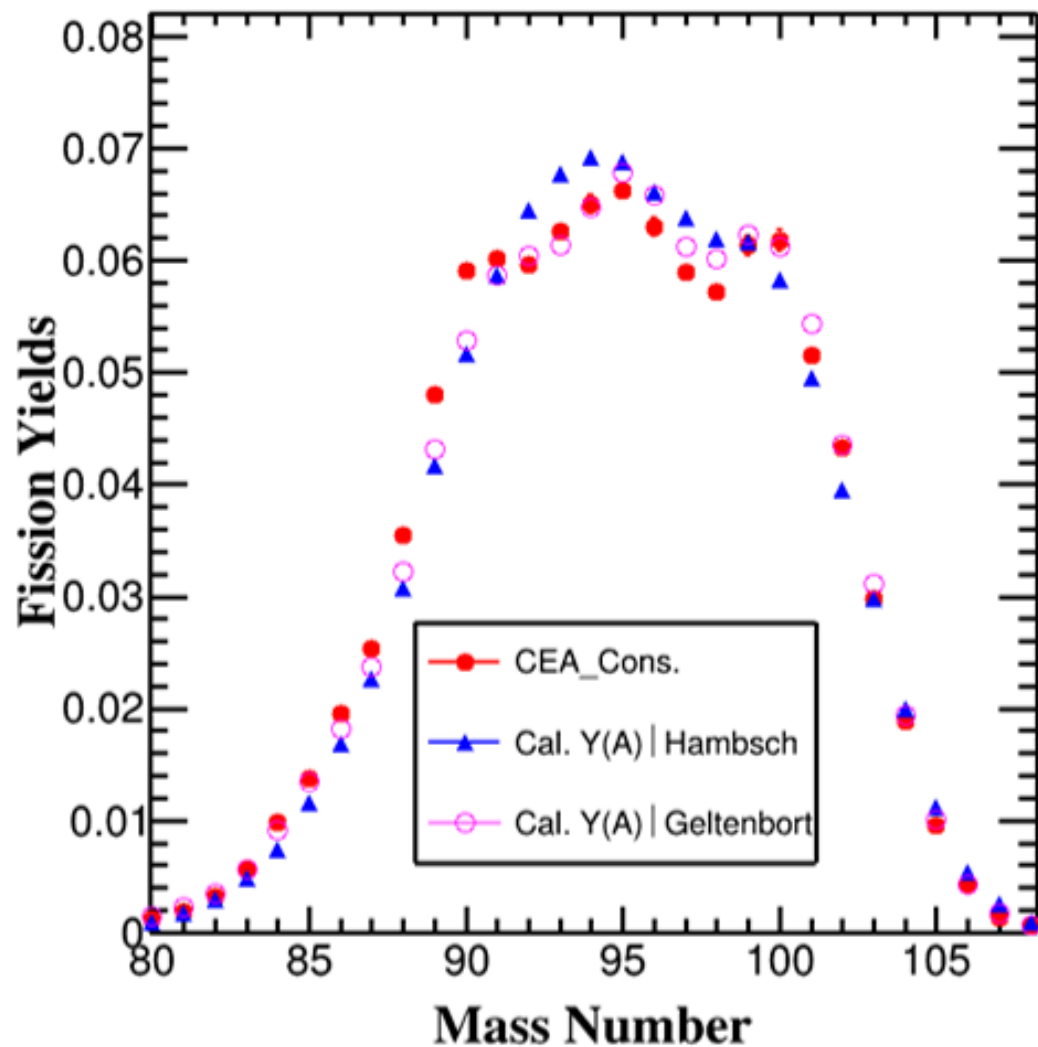
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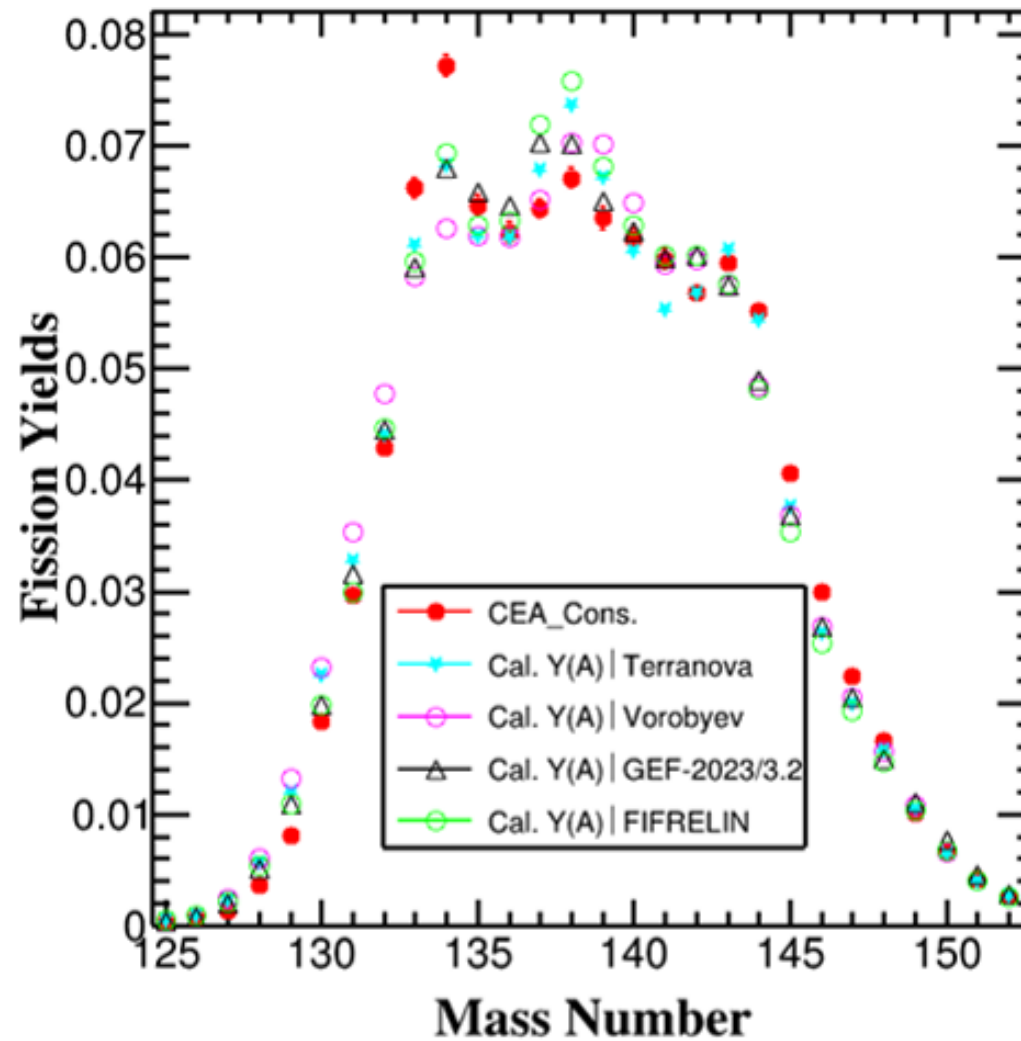
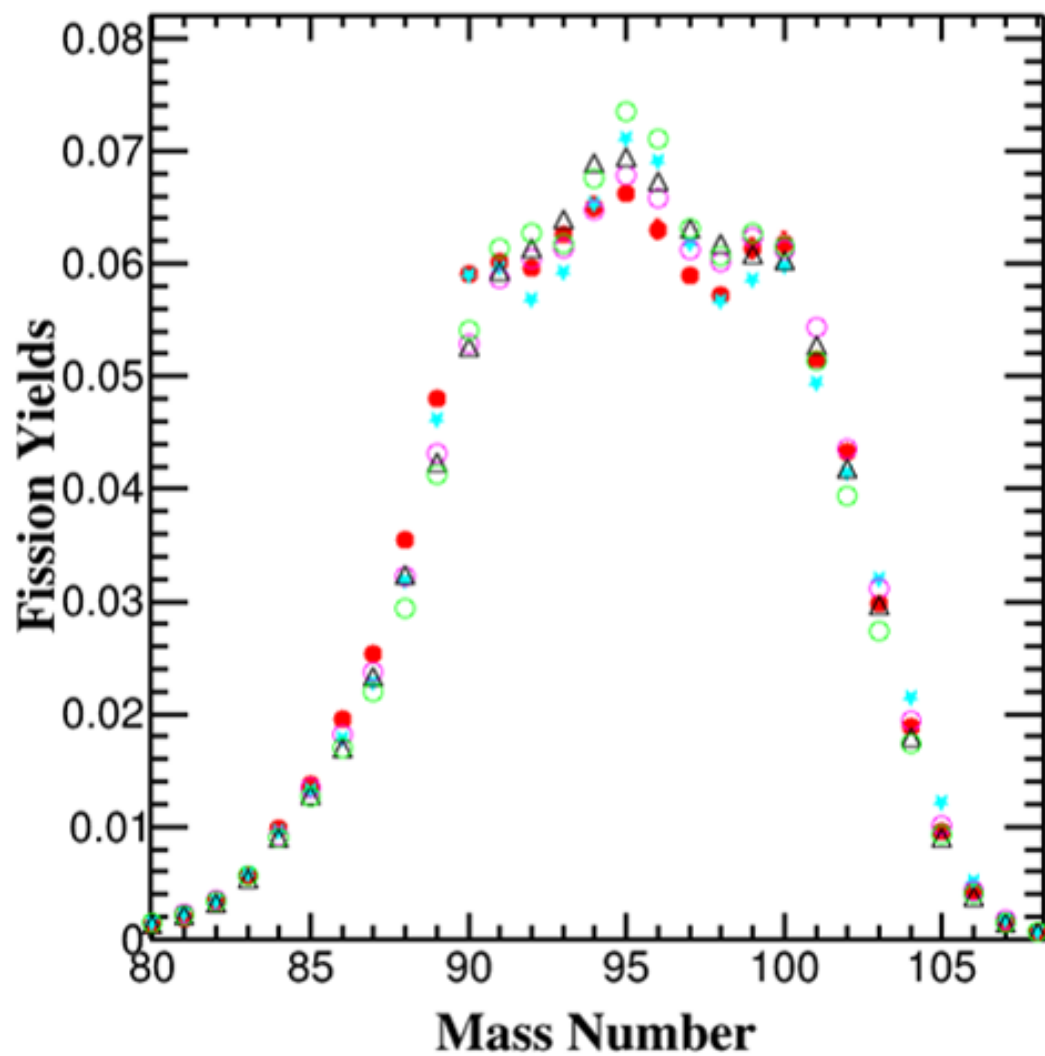
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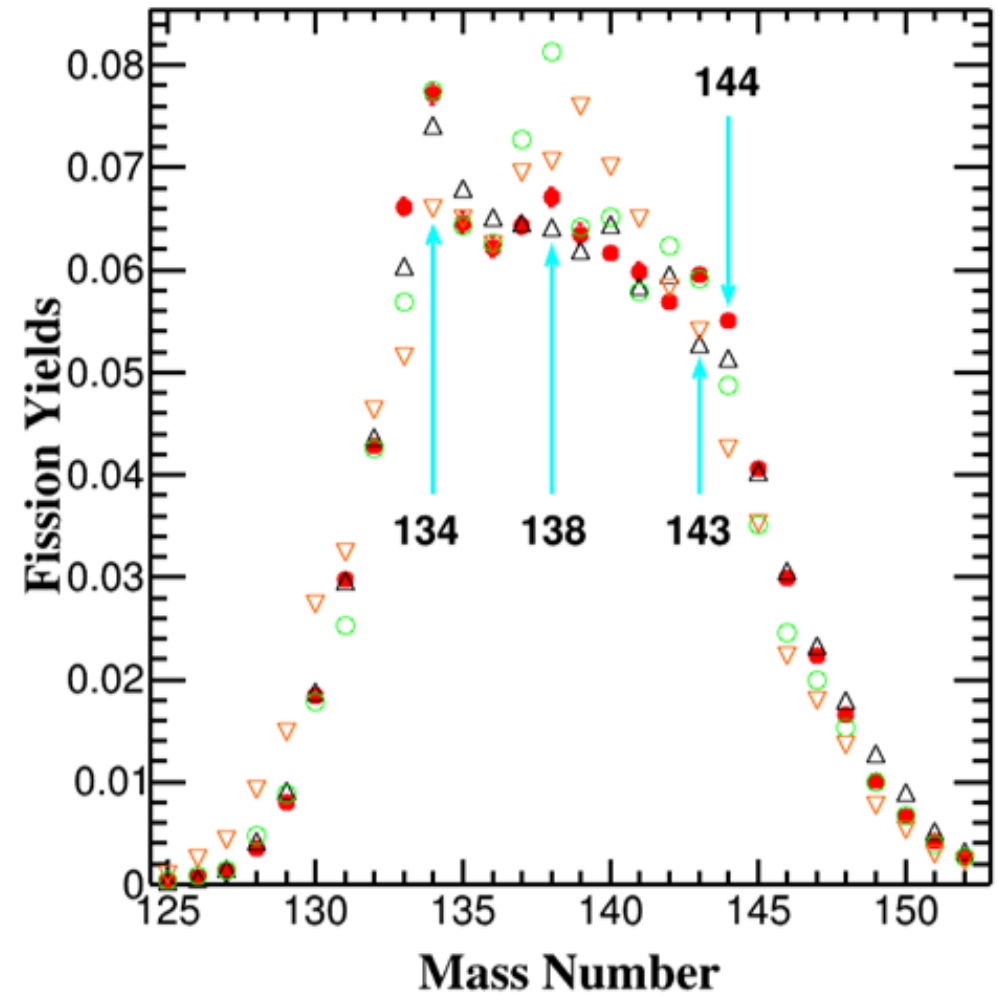
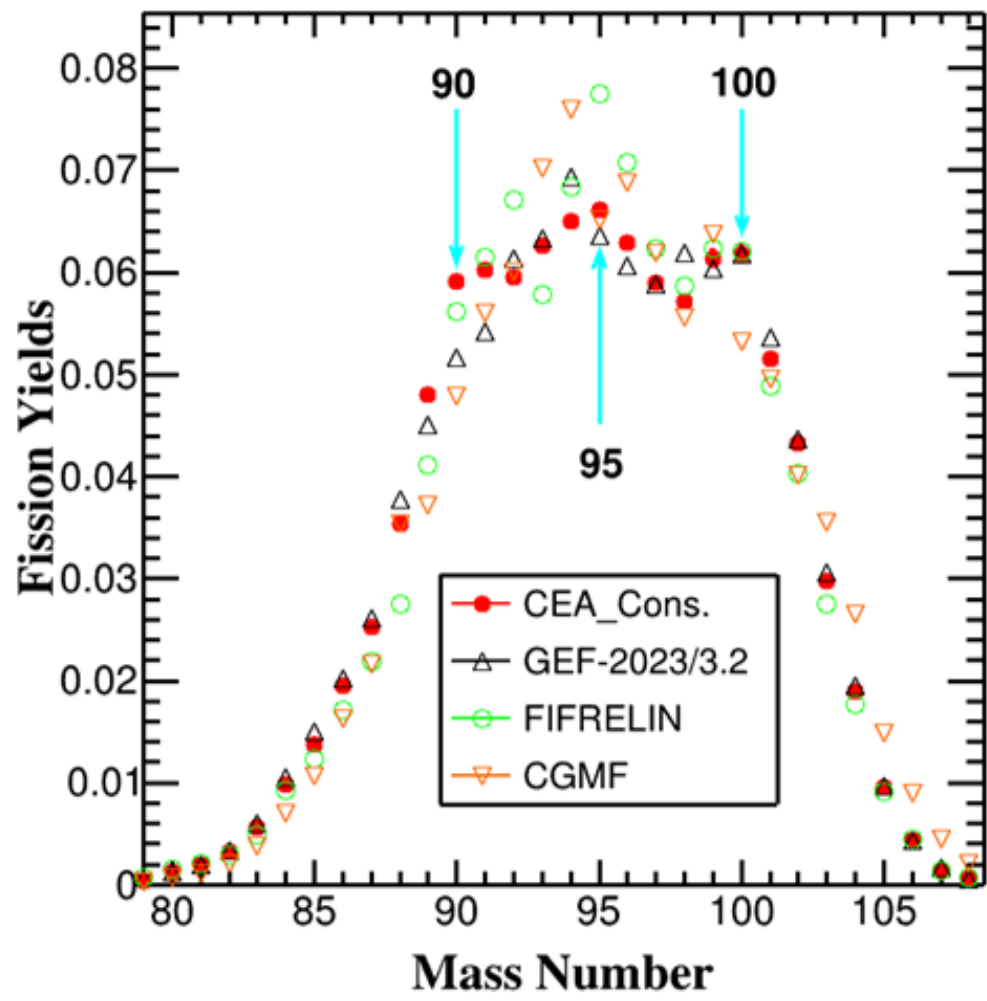




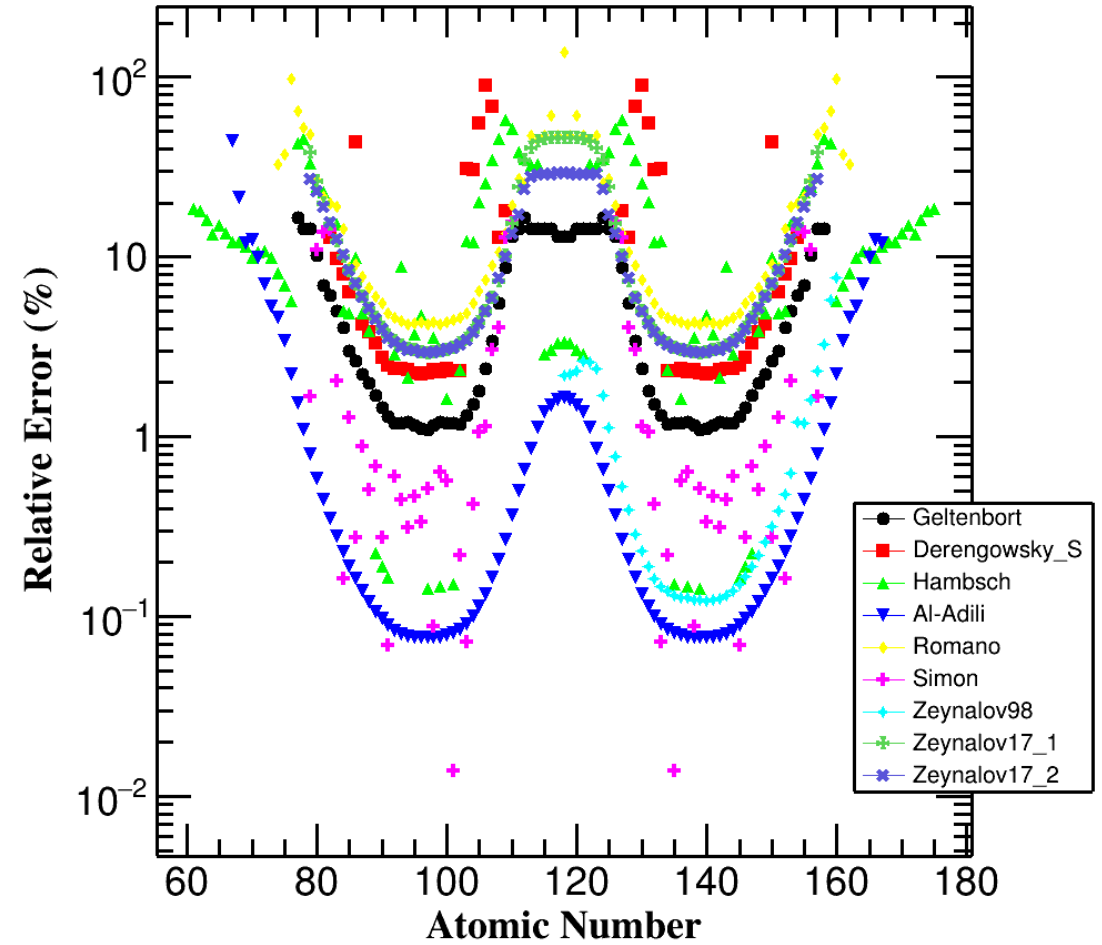
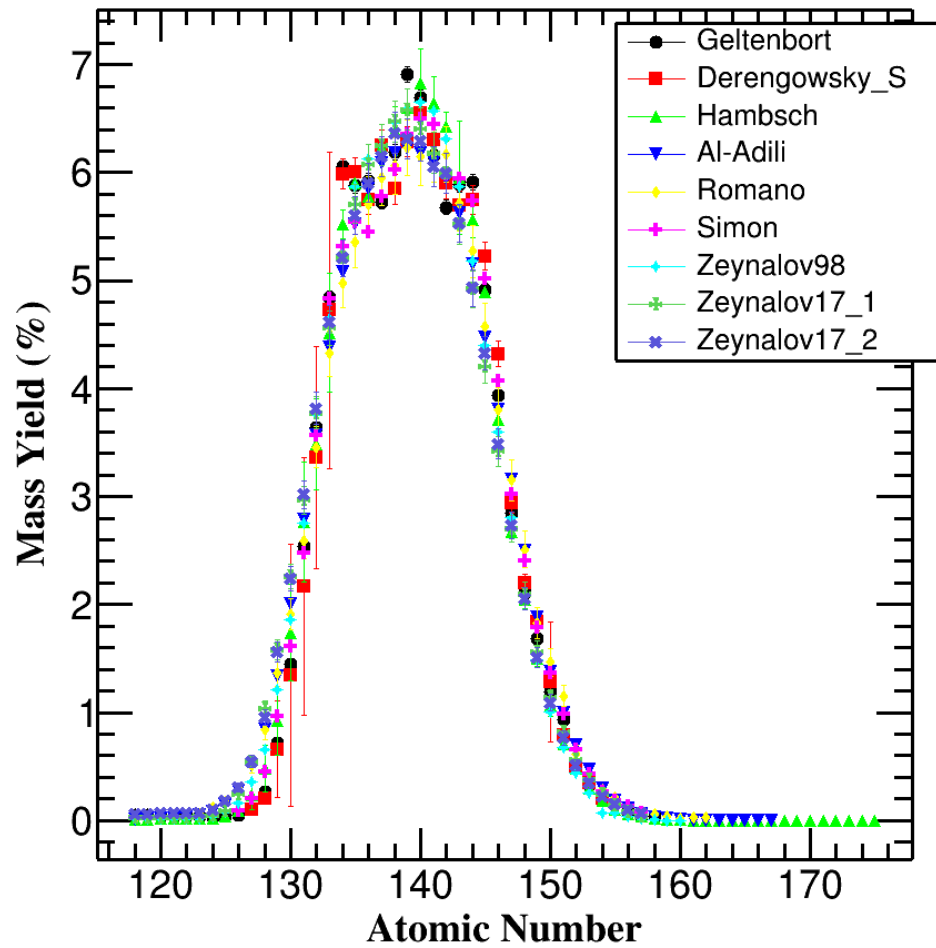
$$Y_A = \sum_{\nu} Y_{A^*} \cdot P(\nu | A^*) \text{ with } A^* = A + \nu$$

Impact of pre-neutron mass yields on post-neutron mass yields using the Vorobiev's saw-tooth data

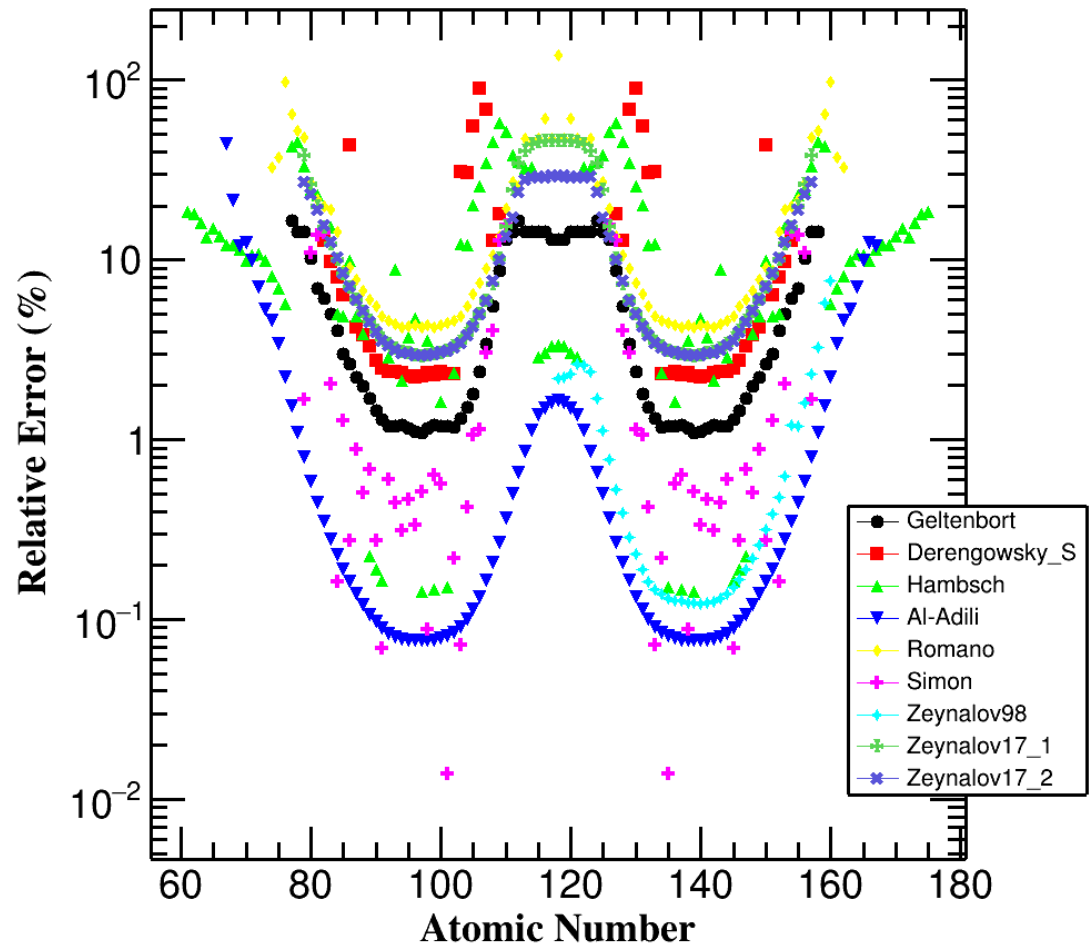
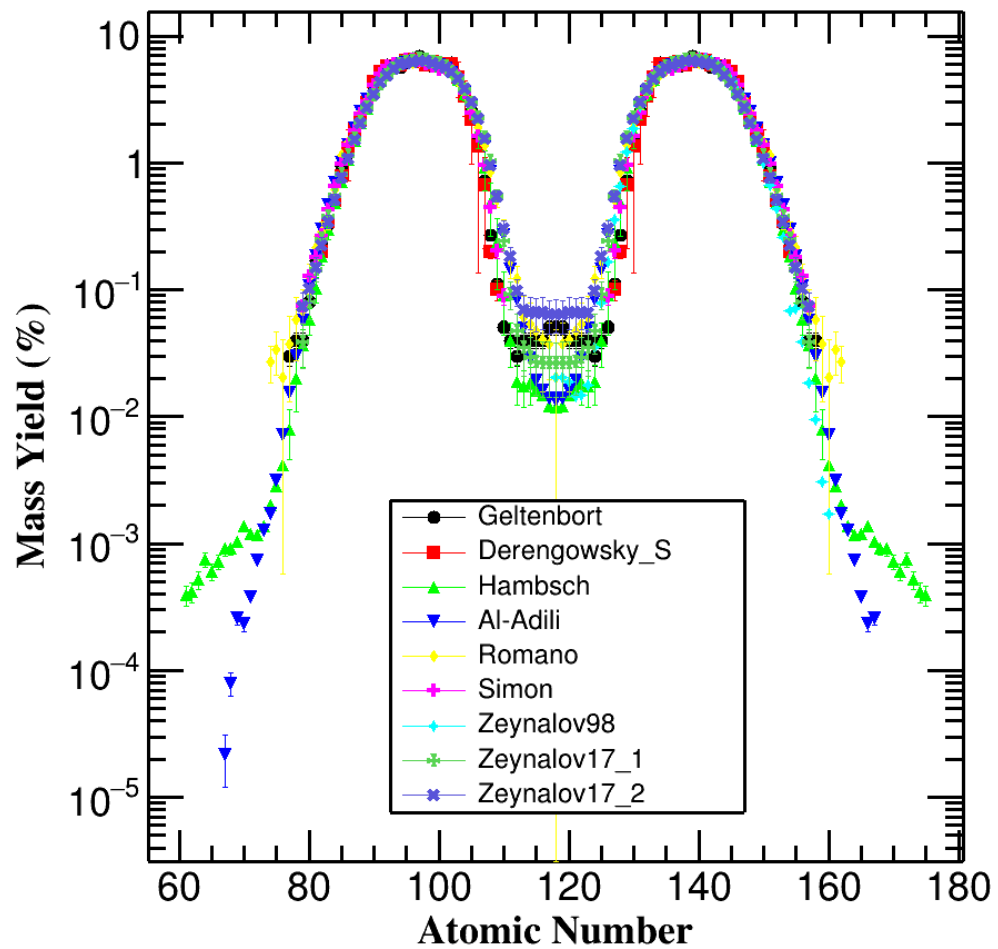




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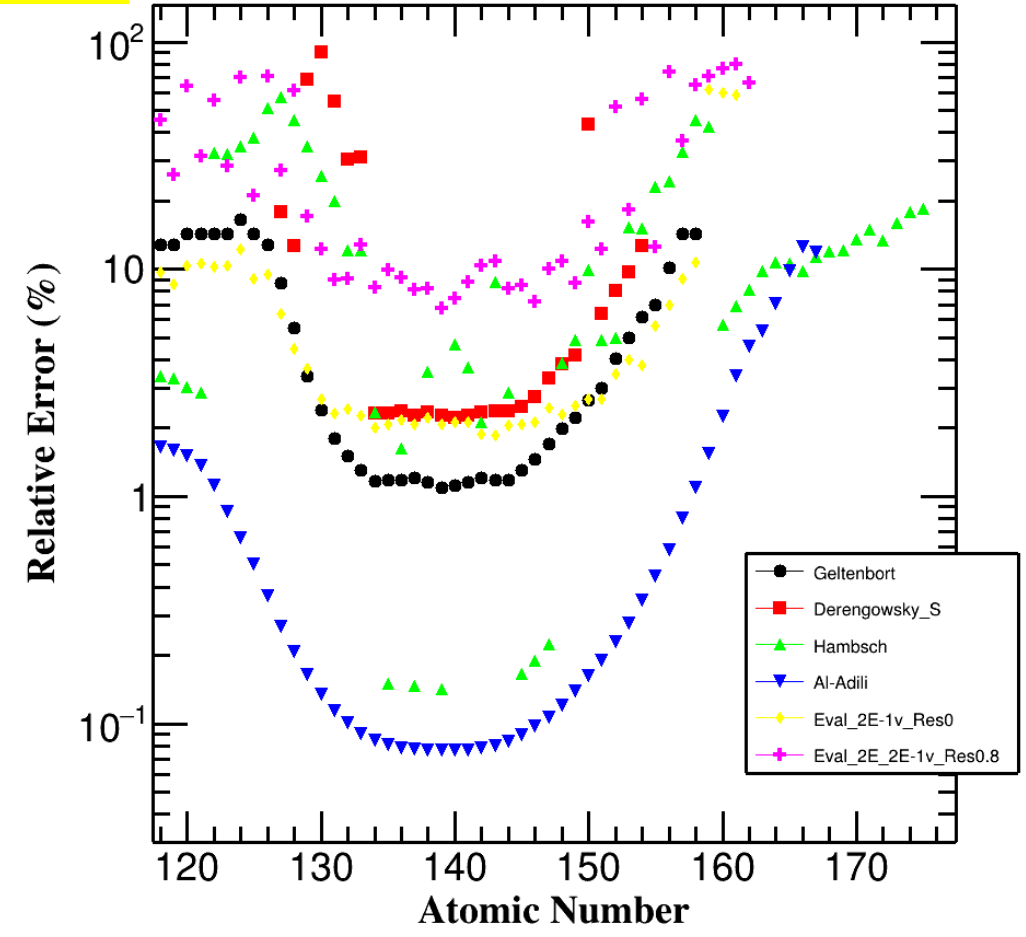
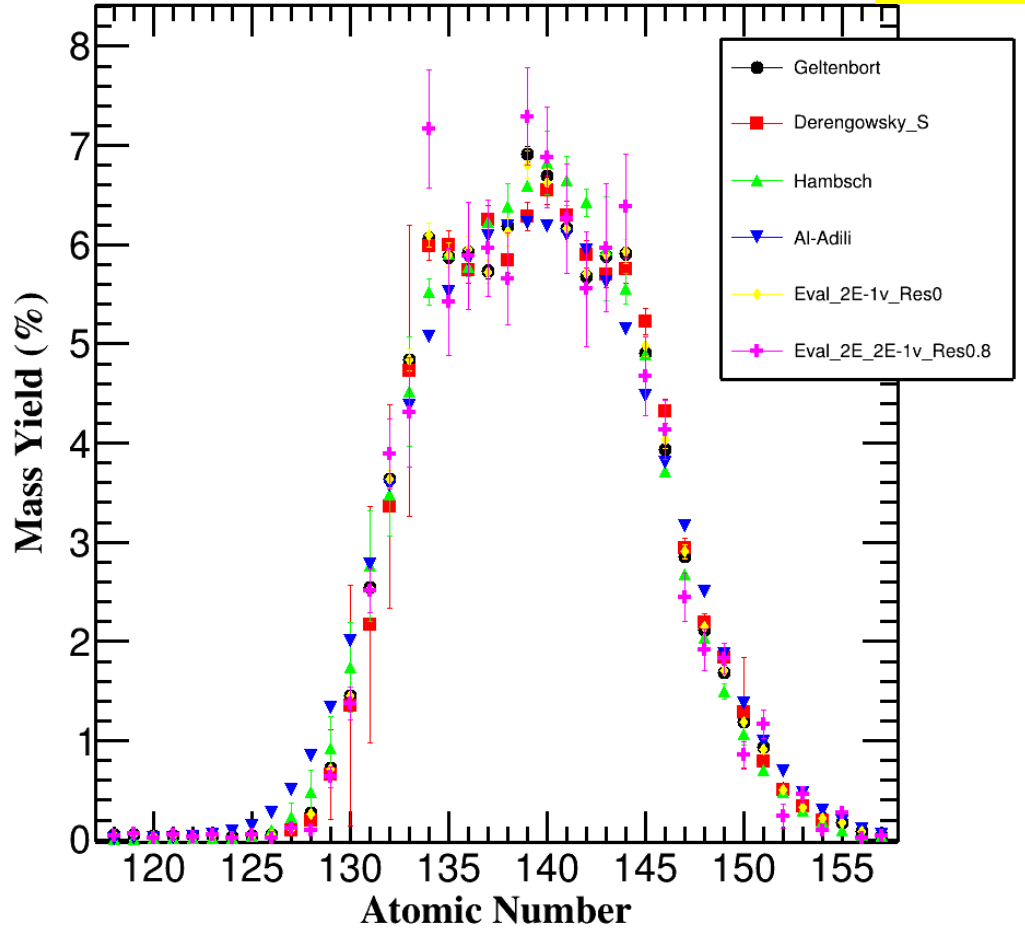


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Preliminary Results



Geltenbort's data : Exp. Resolution Res(A)~0.8 uma



Back-up